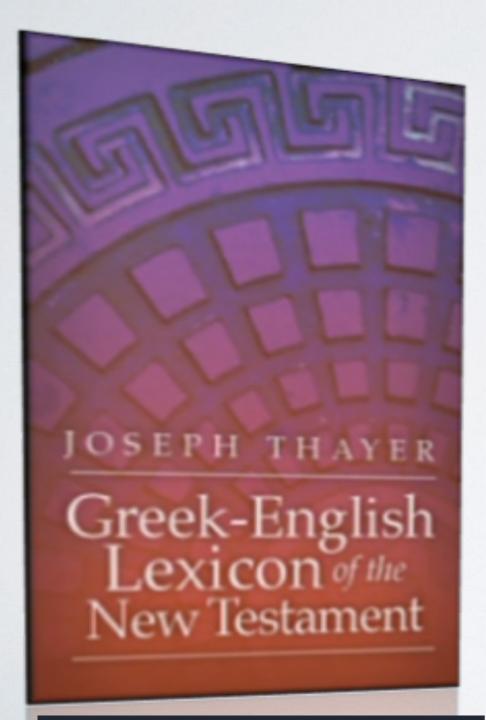
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—Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon

#### \* Encourage

- (n) Paraklēsis (v) parakaleō
- Lit. -"to call to one's side, call for, summon":
- "to admonish, exhort": —"to beg, entreat, beseech" —"to console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation, to comfort," - it combines the ideas of exhorting and comforting and encouraging . . .

#### \* Encourage



(Merriam Webster)

- 1 a: to inspire with courage, spirit, or hope: hearten - b: to attempt to persuade: urge
- 2: to spur on : stimulate
- 3: to give help or patronage to : foster



# \*Life's Experiences Demand...

- Motivation
- Courage
- Confidence
- Hope
- Endurance
- Interdependence!

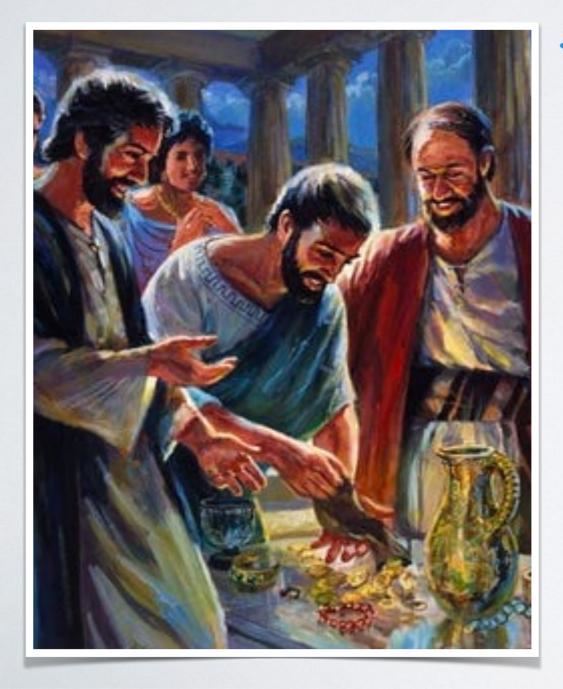
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<sup>19</sup> Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. 20 But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. 22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch.

#### Acts 11:19-26 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. <sup>24</sup> For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. 26 And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

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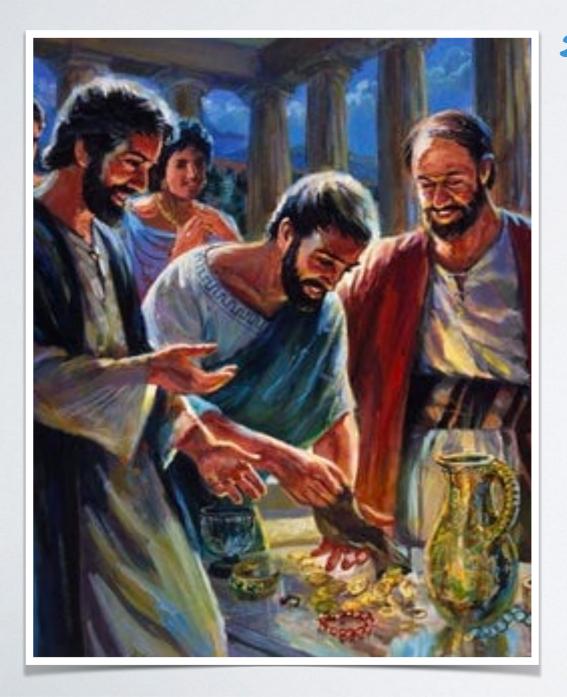


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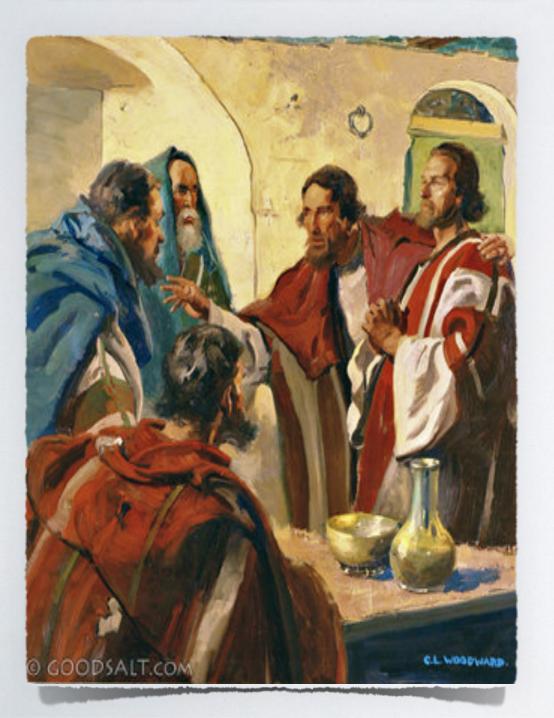
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#### THE EXAMPLE OF BARNABAS



- Giving from what we have like Barnabas (Acts 4:36-37)
  - God expects us to give from what we have (Mat 25:35-40; Acts 3:6; James 4:17)
  - Applies to both physical and spiritual (Acts 20:35; Gal 6:1-6)
  - Giving those in need WHAT THEY NEED is often NOT the same as giving them what they WANT!

### THE EXAMPLE OF BARNABAS

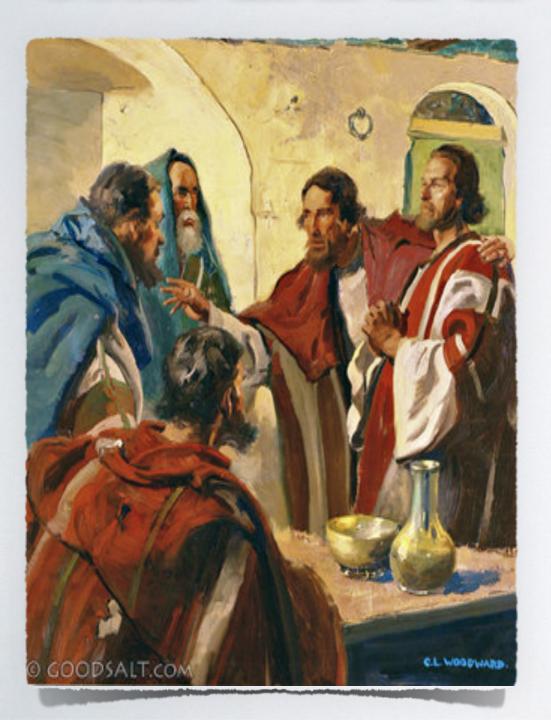


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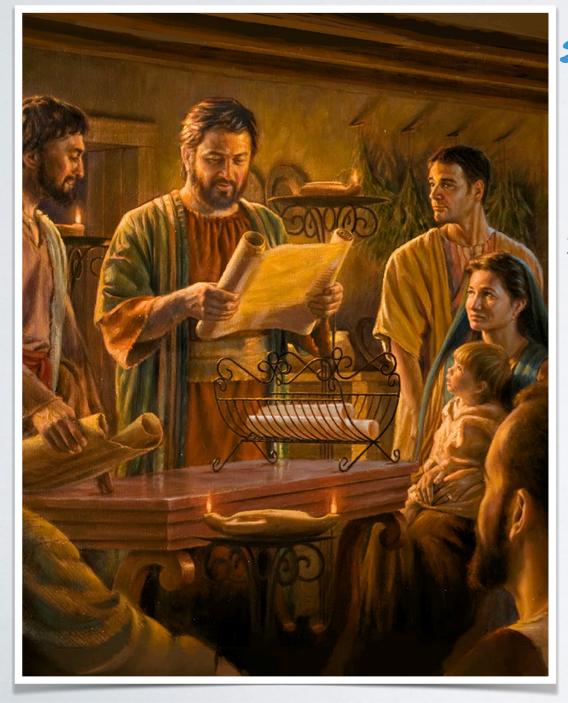
<sup>26</sup> And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. <sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him and brought *him* to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

### THE EXAMPLE OF BARNABAS



- \* Believing people can & do change (Acts 9:26-27)
  - Barnabas defended Paul as a new Christian (Acts 9:26-27)
  - We MUST forgive those who repent (Mat. 6:12-14; Col. 3:13)
  - It is not always easy to see the good in others (Acts 9:1,36; Luke 14:3-6)
  - Love believes "all things" (1 Cor. 13:7; Heb 10:24,25)

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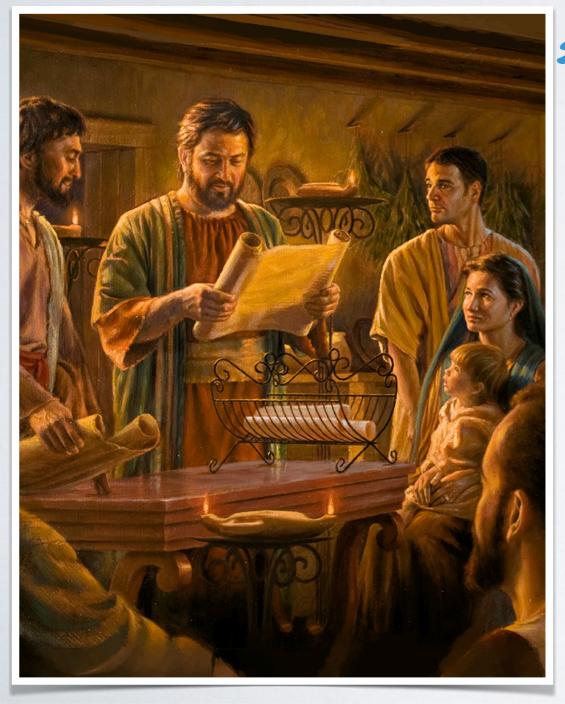


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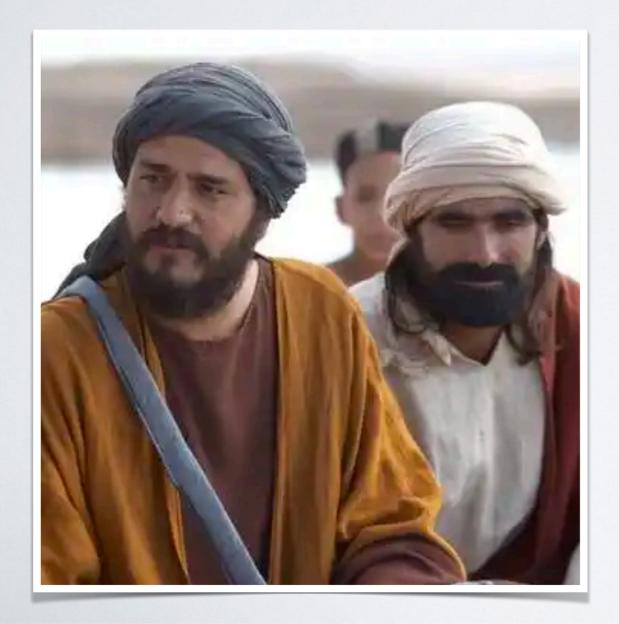
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### THE EXAMPLE OF BARNABAS



- Encouraging new Christians (Acts 11:22-24)
  - Barnabas Sent to Antioch to help strengthen new converts there (Acts 11:22-24)
  - Encouraged them "all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord." (cf. Acts 13:43; 14:22; Phili 4:4-13)
  - EXAMPLE Good man, full of Holy Spirit, full of faith

#### THE EXAMPLE OF BARNABAS



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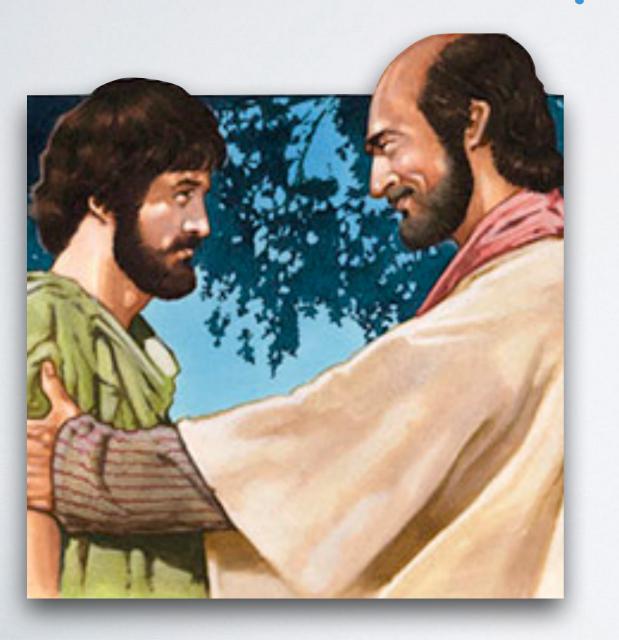
### THE EXAMPLE OF BARNABAS



\* Believing in others & utilizing their talents (Acts 11:25,26)

- Barnabas sought out Saul (Acts 11:25,26; 12:25; 13:2,7,43,46,50)
- Barnabas & Saul (Acts 12:25;
   13:2,7) - Paul & Barnabas (Acts 13:9,13,16, 43,46,50)
- Barnabas helped Paul to become a leader – Some are jealous of others who have greater potential than they.

### THE EXAMPLE OF BARNABAS

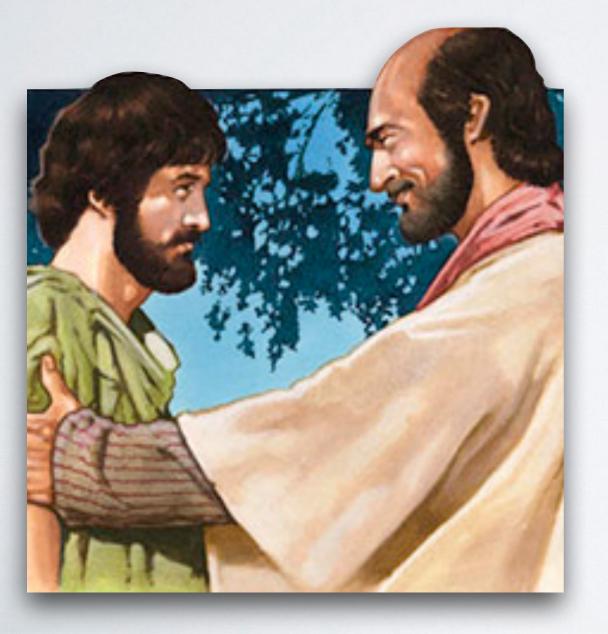


Believing in others / giving2nd chances (Acts 15:35-39)

Acts 15:35-39 (NKJV)

37 Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. 38 But Paul insisted that they should not ... 39 Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus;

### THE EXAMPLE OF BARNABAS



Believing in others / giving2nd chances (Acts 15:35-39)

- Barnabas wanted to give Mark2nd chance (Acts 15:35-39)
- John Mark had left them on an earlier journey (Acts 13:13) and Paul insisted that Mark not be allowed to go (Acts 15:38)
- Paul & Barnabas separate (Acts 15:39) but Paul later commends Mark Col. 4:10; 2 Tim 4:11; Phile. 1:24; (cf. 1 Pet 5:13)

WHO NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT?

GRIEVING

HURTING

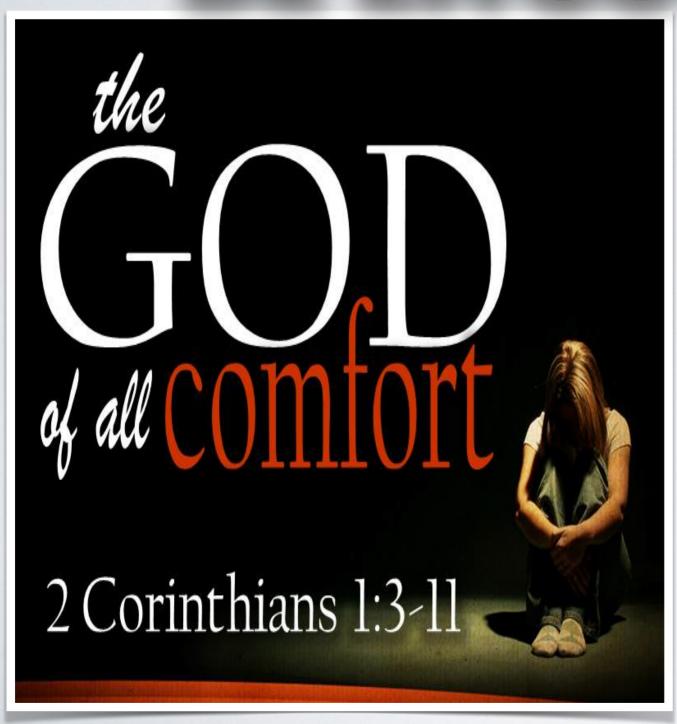
**ERRING** 

DRIFTING

STRUGGLING

WORKING

### BEENCOURAGED



After the Amalekites burned Ziklag and carried away their women and children

#### 1 Samuel 30:6 (NKJV)

6 Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.

### BEENCOURAGED

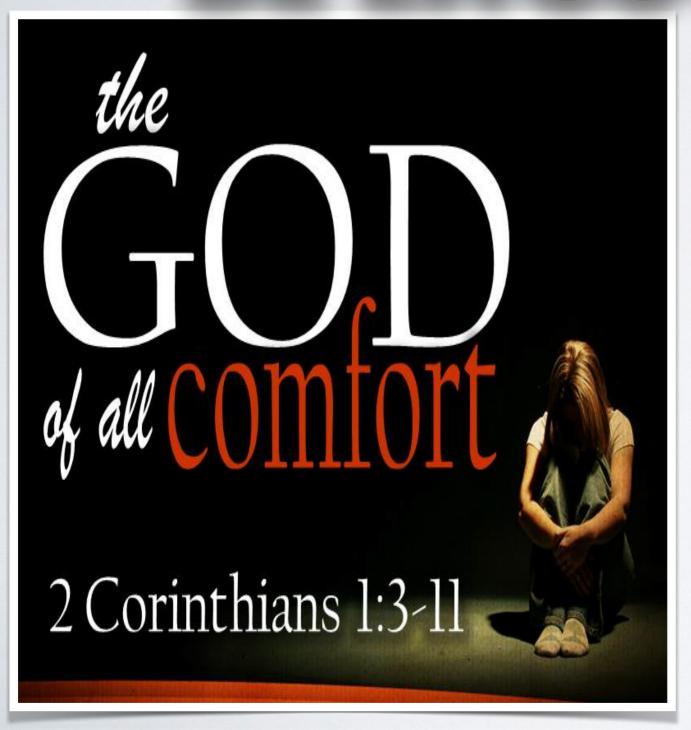


"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing."

- C. S. Lewis

Same is true with COMFORT / FAITH / HOPE / LOVE & LIFE!

### BEENCOURAGED



## 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NKJV)

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ... 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

### BEENCOURAGED



## GOD'S GIFTS FOR OUR ENCOURAGEMENT

- **His SON** (Heb. 4:14-16)
- His WORD (Rom. 15:4; Heb 13:22; 2 Tim. 3:16,17; 4:2)
- WORSHIP (1 Thes. 5:16,17; Eph. 5:19; 2 Cor. 8:1-7; etc)
- His DISCIPLINE (He. 12:1-11; 1 Pet. 1:3-7)
- **EACH OTHER** (He. 10:24,25; Rom. 1:12; 1 Thes. 5:11)



# BEENCOURAGING

PRESENT

**SUPPORTIVE** 

PROVIDING

BELIEVING

CONSISTENT

MEEK

A daily task Heb 3:12-13

A together task Heb 10:23-25

A blessed task I Pet 3:8-9

If you GOT IT, GIVE IT!

If you NEED IT, RECEIVE IT

If you NEED IT,
GIVE IT

OBEY THE LORD

SERVE THE LORD

BEWITH THE LORD FOREVER

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#### Acts 4:32-37 (NKJV)

<sup>32</sup> Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. <sup>36</sup> And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup> having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.