

September 6, 2020 - Encouragement

Acts 4:32-37

Barnabas - "Son of Encouragement/(Exhortation)" - is generous and faithful in supporting other believers who come into need. - John 13:34-35

- We experience and promote encouragement by loving one another in Christ Jesus and giving generously to others in their times of need.

Barnabas is further described in Acts 11:24.

- We are encouraged when we are filled with God's Holy Spirit and we live by faith.

Barnabas stands up for Saul in Jerusalem. (Acts 9:26-27)

- To experience encouragement, stand up for the rejected, the outcast, and for what is right and just, with gentleness, meekness and humility.

Barnabas was trusted to go to Antioch. (Acts 11:20-22)

Barnabas spoke encouragement to those new believers. (Acts 11:23)

- An excellent word of encouragement - Remain true to the Lord with all your heart!

That encouragement was the impetus for more people in Antioch being led to faith in Jesus. (Acts 11:24)

Barnabas brought Saul to Antioch and they spent a year meeting with and teaching the church. (Acts 11:24b-26)

- To experience encouragement, serve faithfully where the Lord has you.

Barnabas took a famine relief gift to the Church in Judea. (Acts 11:28-30)

Barnabas was Paul's first missionary companion. (Acts 13:2-5)

Barnabas is referred to as an apostle along with Paul. (Acts 14:14)

In Acts 13, Paul and Barnabas share a message of encouragement; the Good News message of salvation.

- To be encouraged, share the Gospel of Jesus with others.

Live by what Paul says in Romans 15:4-6, 13:

- Be in and stay true to God's Word.
- Allow God's Word to encourage your endurance.
- Seek unity in the Church that comes by the Spirit of God.
- Follow and obey Jesus faithfully.
- Seek to glorify God in all things.

- Keep your trust in God for the joy, peace and hope that will sustain you in the power of His Holy Spirit.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17