

Empowered to be an Encourager

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (ESV)

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Mark 16:15

“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all the creation.”

Encourage – to give support, confidence or hope to someone. It means to reassure, help, embolden, provide aid and inspire. Persuasion to do or continue to do something.

Paracletis – to come alongside someone to counsel, encourage, help, lift, refresh for the purpose of strengthening them.

John 14:26 (ESV)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

1. God Will Encourage You.

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2. God’s Word Will Encourage You.

Romans 15:4 (NLT)

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God’s promises to be fulfilled.

1 Timothy 4:13 (NLT)

Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them.

3. You Need to Encourage Others.

Acts 4:36-37 (ESV)

³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 9:26-27 (ESV)

²⁶ And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

4. You May Have to Encourage Yourself.

1 Samuel 30:6 (MEV)

⁶ David was greatly distressed, for the people talked of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in spirit, each over his sons and daughters. But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

Hebrews 3:13 (NIV)

But encourage one another daily...

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

So, encourage each other and build each other up...

Proverbs 10:21 (NLT)

The words of the godly encourage many...