



The Encourager (Barnabas)

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1. Encouragement works with _____

2. Barnabas / _____

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For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means “Son of Encouragement”). He was from the tribe of Levi and came from the island of Cyprus. **Acts 4:36** NLT

³⁶ After some time Paul said to Barnabas, “Let’s go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord, to see how the new believers are doing.”³⁷ Barnabas agreed and wanted to take along John Mark. ³⁸ But Paul disagreed strongly, since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work. ³⁹ Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took John Mark with him and sailed for Cyprus. ⁴⁰ Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord’s gracious care.

Acts 15:36-40 NLT

3. Our battle against _____ and _____ words

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. **Philippians 4:8** NLT

4. _____ of encouragement

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... those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. **Proverbs 11:25** NLT

Additional Reading:

Encouragement verses:

[Deuteronomy 31:6, 8; Psalm 9:9, 23:4 55:22; Isaiah 41:10; Zephaniah 3:17; Matthew 11:28-29; John 14:27, 16:33; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Philippians 4:6-8]

Next Steps:

- Read the *Additional Reading* verses this week
- Confess to God that I have a problem with criticism and negative conversation
- Commit to become more of an encourager (___ times a day)
- Intentionally say something encouraging every day this week (starting today before I get in my car)