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## The Encourager

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# The Encourager Barnabas - Son of Encouragement

Int.  
I. begins.  
Joy day!

Question: Where would you like to have been on the Day of Pentecost in A.D. 33? Here's where I would like to have been?

Listen to this! Look at Acts 2, 4, 11 & 15.

1. Acts 2:1-2. Vs. 14. V. 36. V. 37. V. 38-39. V. 41-42. V. 43-47. What a day!

What a thrill! What excitement! What relief and comfort! What a change of hearts. a fantastic event!!

2. Acts 4:32-37. Unparalleled generosity in Jerusalem for weeks.

3. Standing out in the thousands of Christians was one fabulous man: Joseph - surnamed Barnabas. The name means: Son of Encouragement.

This new - young church of Christ needed all the boosting and encouragement it could get = just like this (SS) etc.  
a older + more mature congregation, needs all the encouragement it can get! We struggle on for the Lord. too!!

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4. Do you know what Barnabas believed?  
I do! Matt. 6:33! Serious about it.

Also: Col. 3:1-4. Barnabas meant business  
in his Christian faith.

Program  
I

Worship program I "superior-example and  
strong encouragement."

A. "Steward."

I concluded!

II. begins: Barnabas was a real Hero in the Church,  
not only in Jerusalem, but also at  
Antioch in Syria. <sup>confronted</sup> ~~Mixing~~ Jews & Gentiles!

growth day!  
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1. Acts 11:19-24. The church of Christ was  
now numbering into the thousands.  
Such joy, relief + happiness these  
new Christians were experiencing in  
the faith!

Program

II

"Barnabas was a(n) outstanding  
teacher and encourager."  
(powerful) +  
(boaster)

<sup>optimistic</sup>  
(Positive) outlook ~~and optimism~~  
"numbers". <sup>Proportionate</sup>

A.

It became a very challenging  
campaign - and Barnabas needed HELP, so -  
II concluded!

III begins in

Acts 11:23-26. Barnabas was wise!  
Smart! Realistic + humble. Got help.  
Got Paul!

Program

III Acts 13:1-3. (First Missionary Journey)  
"International"

His help:

A. "Strong encourager  
(Powerful supporter):  
III Concluded! "sustain"

IV begins

Problem:

Acts 15:35-39.

Program

IV (Compassionate and Forgiving  
Understanding and Compassionate)  
"second dance"

II Tim. 4:11.

A. "encouragement"  
"Rome"  
IV concluded!

Inv. One last word of "encouragement" from Jesus  
to this audience today. Matt. 11:28-29. <sup>Same as</sup>  
✓ 1. Faithful in your Christian life! Surrender for you! Stay the course!  
✓ 2. Slipped + fallen back? Get up! Let's pray for restoration.  
✓ 3. Need Baptism for remission of sins? Lord's ready! I'm ready! you ready?

Interested!!!

Read here from  
always —

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# ENCOURAGEMENT IS LOVE AT WORK

ACTS 4:36-37

I. The new babes in the Faith needed a superior example and a strong encourager.  
A. Barnabas was an outstanding steward of the gift God entrusted to him.

II. Barnabas was a powerful teacher and booster in the Antioch congregation.

A. Due to Barnabas' optimistic outlook this Antioch church grew in amazing proportions.

III. The Holy Spirit chose Barnabas to accompany Paul on the first missionary journey because of his International view of the gospel.  
A. Paul would face many difficult and dangerous situations and needed a strong encourager to sustain him.

IV. Barnabas was Compassionate and Forgiving, which is why he urged a second chance for Mark.

A. Barnabas' encouragement paid off eventually with Paul calling for John Mark to come work with him at Rom.

II Tim. 4:11.

THE ENCOURAGER

(Barnabas)

INT: QUESTION: WHERE would you liked to have been 102,041 Lord's Days ago?

MY ANSWER: Listen!!! Acts 2:1-2. & 14 & 36 & 37 and 38-39. THEN: 41-42. & finally: 43-47.

WHAT A DAY!!! What a Thrill! What excitement! What relief!! What comfort! What a change of heart.

A FANTASTIC EVENT!!! ----Like: The Christmas Eve '42 when I bap. my oldest sis. & husb. into Christ and into the Kingdom of God and into the forgiveness of their sins FOREVER - combined with the days I bap. both my boys into spr. fellowship with the Father in Heaven and our spr. family on earth. THIS WAS JOY DAY

I. NOTE WHAT ELSE HAPPENED THAT WEEK ETC. ETC.....

- A. Acts 4:32-37. This was Generosity Day!!! in Jer...
- B. Standing out in the thousands of Christians was one Fabulous-Christian man: Joses! Remember Joses ?? Let's try him under his surname: BARNABAS, which means "Son of Encouragement." V. 36.
- C. This NEW, BABY, Young Church of Christ NEEDED all the Boosting, Encouragement and finances it could get!.....Just like THIS CONGREGATION, an older and more mature congregation which needs: All the Encouragement-men it can get! Why not a goal? Every man in this Body of Christ, deputized to boost the church - build it up -- Encourage it always! Every man a Mr. Encouragement
- D. Do you know what Mr. Joses-ENCOURAGER-Barnabas believed? \* Matt. 6:33. \* Col. 3:1-4. Mr. Barnabas REALLY meant business in his Christian faith.

II. BARNABAS was a real Hero in the Faith, in Jer. & Antioch in Syria and Cyprus and Asia Minor and points west.

- A. He was a part of GROWTH DAY in Antioch. \* Acts 11:19-24. Church membership was growing into the thousands in and around Jer. and into the thousands here in Antioch. WHAT JOY! RELIEF! HAPPINESS! IN THIS new faith, new love and new hope!!

III. BARNABAS WAS: Wise, Smart, Intelligent, humble and resourceful—all in one great person. The Church in Antioch needed RE-INFORCEMENTS, so he got help: PAUL !!

\* Acts 11:23-26

A. The Holy Spirit concurred with Barnabas' judgment:

\* Acts 13:1-3 Barnabas selected to support and encourage the greatest Missionary of all times !!!  
Barnabas, an International-Christian. Superior !

IV. BARNABAS WAS SHREWD, ASTUTE & DISCERNING of human nature

\* Acts 15:35-39. Very balanced thinker. Sweet-of-heart.  
Had a compassionate nature, forgiving and willing to give the benefit of the doubt.

\* II Tim. 4:11. Barnabas' ENCOURAGEMENT won out over Paul's skepticism and tough-love approach to training young men for the ministry. *John Mark.*

#### INV: ONE LAST WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT:

a. This one from Jesus, Paul's Hero: \* Matt. 11:28-30.

1. Been struggling with a PROBLEM? Can't get a handle on it? Christ specializes in handles-of-problems. \* John 14:6. \* *Acts 2:38. Sinners.*
2. Not in the Kingdom---the Lord's church, His Spr. family? Why not? I'll compare "reasons" with you. YOU give me 3 reasons you are not a N.T. Christian. Have that many? I'll give you 9 reasons you should be bap. into Christ. 3 to 1
3. You.....a wandering disciple of Christ. Not anchored. Not under wisdom and guidance of Elders ---the Lord's Way ---THEN shouldn't you BE somewhere? Why not here.....Now!