

“Like Barnabas, Serve as God’s Encourager!”

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✝ We are surrounded by **discouragement**.

📖 *Acts 4:36-37, 11:23-26 (pages 773, 780 in the pew Bible)*

FOUR FEATURES OF BARNABAS TO EMULATE:

① An Encourager **Gives**

“Greater love has no one than this, that he GIVES his life for his friends.” John 15:13

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the son of God, who loved me and GAVE Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

② An Encourager **Edifies**

“We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to BUILD HIM UP.” Romans 15:12

“Therefore encourage one another and BUILD EACH OTHER UP, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

③ An Encourager **Forgives**

“They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.” Acts 15:39-40

④ An Encourager is **Empowered by the Holy Spirit**

“He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.” Acts 11:24