

Relationships 101

“The Art of Encouragement”

Hebrews 3:12-14

Part of our role as Christ followers is to encourage others along the journey. Paul needed Barnabas to be his encourager.

Encouragers help us deal with sin

1. We come to faith with weeds - Parable of the sower
2. We stumble along the way - Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
3. We can get off track - Luke 17:3

Encouragers help us grow in our faith

1. Encouragers help us to get into the word - Romans 10:17
2. Encouragers help us to believe when it is hard to believe - 2 Peter 1:12-15
3. Encouragers help us to have power in our prayers - Matthew 18:19

Encouragers help us to not be deceived

1. So that we are not hardened by sin's deceitfulness
2. So that we can hold firmly to our original conviction
3. So that daily we can live in victory

Encouragers build up others - Thessalonians 5:11

1. “Therefore” - since Jesus died for us all - encourage
2. Encourage one another - a command
3. Build each other up - make others strong - our job