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ONE ANOTHERING – PART 2

BE ENCOURAGING

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 / Hebrews 3:12-14

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Hebrews 3:12-14 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today', so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first.

This word is found in some form almost 150 times in the New Testament.

It literally means to come alongside.

It is the word Jesus uses to describe the Holy Spirit.

John 14:26 "The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you."

An example of encouragement is found in the life of Barnabas.

Acts 4:36 And so it was that Joseph, a Levite born in Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas, which means "One who Encourages".

What does encouragement look like?