



Barnabas

Lessons in Encouragement



Why was Barnabas an Encourager?

32 Now the full number of those who *believed* were of one heart and soul...

36 Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement)

Believe = to be persuaded, to place confidence in, to have faith in, to have conviction...

Five Biblical Benchmarks

1. Belief that Disturbs

4.2 “...the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming Jesus...”

2. Belief that Saves


- a. Power of God for Salvation
- b. Power of God for Transformation

With *great power* = speaks to the effectual working of, or the efficacy of the Gospel.



Five Biblical Benchmarks

3. Belief that Emboldens

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- a. Boldness grounded in Christ alone
4:13
* Not their education
* Not their social status
- b. Boldness in the proclamation of Christ alone.
4:18; 4:29

Five Biblical Benchmarks

4. Belief that Unites

4:32 “ the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul...”

5. Belief that Frees from Earthly Bondage

4:32 “No one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own...”

- a. We are but Servants
4:13; 4:27
- b. We are but Stewards





How was Barnabas an Encourager?

1. He Encouraged Generosity

Acts 4:34-37

2. He Encouraged Discipleship

Acts 9:26-27

- * Barnabas invited Saul to join him in teaching the new converts in Antioch (Acts 11:22).
- * Barnabas took Saul with him on his first missionary journey.



How was Barnabas an Encourager?

3. He Encouraged Unity

Acts 15:1-2; 12

4. He Encouraged Reconciliation

Acts 15:38; Colossians 4:10