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“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ... encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

I The Problem of Discouragement

- A. Discouragement = HB – chathath = shattered, broken down, lose confidence
- B. “Discouraged” = Lose confidence when our situation does not meet expectations
- C. Biblical examples
- D. The war within: Discouragement

II. The Picture of Encouragement (Acts 4:23 – 37)

- A. “Encouragement” = GK – parakeleo = draw near to strengthen another
- B. The believer’s prayer (Vs. 23 – 30)
- C. The believer’s attitude (Vs. 31 – 35)
- D. The believer’s encouragement – Barnabas! (Vs. 36, 37)

III. The Power of Encouragement (Heb. 10:24,25)

- A. Encouragement is a verb! An active event not just a word.
- B. “Spur one another on” – We give courage to others to get back on track!
- C. “Do not give up meeting together” – We give courage to pray and serve together!
- D. “Encourage one another” – We take the responsibility to lift another up!
- E. “As you see the Day approaching” - We encourage people to stay faithful!