



We're Better Together as We Heal Hidden Hurts

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The tongue has the power of life and death. Proverbs 18:21

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

“ENCOURAGE” BEING THERE TO SUPPORT OTHERS

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas which means Son of Encouragement. He sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet. Acts 4:36-37

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“EDIFY” BUILDING OTHERS UP

So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and to build each other up. Romans 14:19

So what do I do?

I will come alongside you to build you up and replace old playlists with God's truth.

We are holy and without fault in His eyes. Ephesians 1:4

I will come alongside you to build you up to be what God wants you to be.

When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. Acts 9:26-27

I am committed to be God's instrument in other's lives in Christ by taking time and energy to invest in them to bring healing, stability, strength and growth.

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

What's the difference between “encouragement” and “edification”.

Barnabas means “Son of Encouragement.” Read these passages and talk about how he used his gift: Acts 4:36, 9:26-27, 15:36-39.

Describe a time when someone encouraged you as you experienced a hard time.

Do you think it is our natural tendency to encourage and edify? Why does it seem easier to put people down rather than build them up?

Talk about the power of this phrase: “I see in you _____”

Look at 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

Let's be practical: we come to church, stay for an hour, and then we leave. How realistic is it to expect us to be so involved that we can do what it is saying?

What are some old playlists you need to get rid of? Are you doing it on your own? Why is it difficult to let people in to help?

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