



Shofar Christian Church

EVERYONE NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT

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THE RACE OF LIFE

¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NKJV)

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who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NKJV)

PAUL FINISHED HIS RACE

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7 (NKJV)

PAUL NEEDED ENCOURAGEMENT

11 For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord.

12 When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.

Romans 1:11-12 (NLT)

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⁶ But God, who encourages those who are discouraged, encouraged us by the arrival of Titus.

⁷ His presence was a joy, but so was the news he brought of the encouragement he received from you.

2 Corinthians 7:6-7a (NLT)

BARNABAS' MINISTRY

22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. 23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

Acts 11:22-24 (NKJV)

BARNABAS' MINISTRY

24 For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

Acts 11:22-24 (NKJV)

WHAT DOES ENCOURAGEMENT DO?

1. *Does not deny reality.*
2. *Focuses on current purpose.*
3. *Recalls truth of supernatural.*
4. *Connects supernatural with natural.*
5. *Presents a choice to be made.*

1. AS A LIFESTYLE

¹¹ Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11 (NLT)

2. AT EVERY MEETING

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

3. WITH GOOD TEACHING

² Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.

2 Timothy 4:2 (NLT)

4. BY THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

³ *But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.*

1 Corinthians 14:3 (NKJV)