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Body Building #3 Encourage One Another

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1st Thessalonians 5:11

Spiritual body building involves the ministry of mutual _____.

In the New Testament, the word encouragement is always used of believers for believers. In the New Testament, you cannot be an encourager unless you are a _____.

The word translated “encourage” is found one-hundred and nine times in the New Testament. It is always translated either ask, or exhort, or to comfort, or encourage. And all of those words have one primary purpose that is to describe functions that will help believers be built up “In Christ”.

The goal of encouragement is the _____ nourishing of believers. It refers to anything you say or do to improve someone’s relationship to Christ.

You encourage when you compliment the ministry of the _____. Parakletos The Encourager (The Holy Spirit) that Jesus has sent to keep us connected to Him.

Who is responsible for this ministry?

#1 Preachers are. Preachers are to be encouragers, they were biblically. Ref: 2nd Timothy Chapter 4:2

#2 Elders Are To Be Encouragers. Ref: Titus Chapter 1:9

Who is responsible for the ministry of encouragement? The entire body! The entire church! Reference Ephesians 4:29

If it doesn’t uplift we shouldn’t speak!

At every _____ we are to encourage one another.

Encouragement is one of the primary reasons, Christians are to assemble. Ref: Hebrews 10:24

At every _____ we are to encourage one another. Ref: Hebrews 3:12

You cannot be connected to everybody in this church but you’ve got to be connected intimately to somebody. To such a degree that you have frequent contact with those people.

Why? Why do we need to be encouraged?

Hebrews Chapter 3:13 -Encourage one another daily so that none of you may be hardened by sins deceitfulness.

Sin is so deceitful, and decay begins upon _____ from the church. It begins as a drift and can turn unto a fall.

The deceitfulness of sin is one reason---we need the ministry of encouragement. And then secondly we need the ministry because of the reality of sorrows and trials.

In fact, God has not only promised not to take away suffering, but he said in fact that there are some things about grace that can be learned in weakness.

So how do we do it? We urge each other to remember and believe God's promises

For those who are in a relationship with Christ.

He has promised to always be with us.

He has promised to hear every prayer.

He has promised to take away every sin.

He has promised to someday wipe away every tear.