

Be an Encourager

Relationships – Part 1

Life Church St. Louis – April 8, 2018
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Genesis 2:18 (ESV) Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

2 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV) Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV) Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1. Look to the _____

1A. The _____ is behind you

Joshua 1:1-2a (ESV) After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, “Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise ...”

1B. God has a _____ for you

Joshua 1:2b-3 (ESV) “... go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses.”

Joshua 1:5s (ESV) No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life.

2. Draw strength from _____

2A. _____ is there for you

Joshua 1:5b (ESV) Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.

2B. God's _____ is there for you

Ephesians 2:19 (ESV) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

3. Take _____ to follow God's plan

3A. Be _____, you can do it

Joshua 1:6 (ESV) Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.

Joshua 1:9 (ESV) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

3B. Follow God's Word and find _____

Joshua 1:8 (ESV) This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

- Invite a friend for our message series **Relationships** next Sunday.

- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. How does the Genesis account help us understand the human need for relationships (Genesis 2:18)?

How can 2 Corinthians 6:14 give believers guidance in their relationships?

Why is encouragement in relationships so important (1 Thessalonians 5:11)?

1A. Why should you be primarily focused on the present and future in your life?

1B. In what ways can focusing on the past lead to discouragement or lethargy?

1C. How did God encourage Joshua to look to the future (Joshua 1:1-2a)?

1D. What was God's plan for Joshua (Joshua 1:2b-3)?

- 1E. Why is it important to recognize that no one can thwart God's plan for your life except you (Joshua 1:5a)?

- 2A. How can the promise of God's presence be an encouragement to you or someone else (Joshua 1:5b, Matthew 28:20b)?

- 2B. How is your church family meant to be a place of mutual encouragement (Ephesians 2:19)?

- 2C. What do you think is the reason that people who are discouraged or struggling in life often drop out of church?

- 3A. What are the implications of God's command to be strong and courageous (Joshua 1:6, 9)?

- 3B. What is the importance of God's Word in being encouraged and being an encourager (Joshua 1:8)?

- 3C. Do you think that a discouraged person can encourage someone else? Why or why not?

- 3D. What are some ways that our church family could grow in encouraging one another?