

# Bible Studies

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**Why might someone need that much encouragement?**  
**What should you do in such a case?**

**What encourages you?**  
(I suggest we go round in a circle and give examples)

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*But your assistant, Joshua son of Nun, will enter it. Encourage him, because he will lead Israel to inherit it. Deuteronomy 1:38*

**What kind of Encouragement might Moses have needed to give Joshua?**

2

*Now go out and encourage your men. I swear by the LORD that if you don't go out, not a man will be left with you by nightfall. This will be worse for you than all the calamities that have come upon you from your youth till now." 2 Samuel 19:7*

**How did David need to encouragement the men and why?**

**What's the difference between these two kinds of encouragement?**

**What kind of Encouragement shouldn't you do?** 2 Chronicles 22:3  
**How do you encourage to do wrong?**

*Because you disheartened the righteous with your lies, when I had brought them no grief, and because you encouraged the wicked not to turn from their evil ways and so save their lives, Ezekiel 13:22*

*You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, Psalm 10:17*

*learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow. Isaiah 1:17*

**Encouragement comes from:**

Acts 9:31

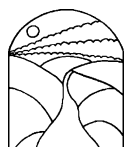
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Romans 1:12

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1 Cor 14:3

Phil 2:1

1 Thes 4:18

2 Timothy 4:2

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

I would say the above fall into three categories.

**How would you categorize them?**

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**What can you do to encourage yourself?**

**What will happen if people don't get encouraged?**

**What happened in the following verse?**

*But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Hebrews 3:13*

*Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and cruel bondage. Exodus 6:9*

*Then the peoples around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and make them afraid to go on building. Ezra 4:4*

*But now trouble comes to you, and you are discouraged; it strikes you, and you are dismayed. Job 4:5*

**What discourages you?**

**What might stop us from being encouraged, even when sources of encouragement assail us?**

**Are people encouraged/discouraged by the same things?**

**What implication does this have?**

**A word to fathers**

*Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. Col 3:21*

**How can you discourage your Children?**

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

**What should the goal of encouragement be?**

**What is it in the following verses?**

*Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. Titus 2:6*

*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope. encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

**When you encourage someone are you allowed to lie?**

**What part should sincerity play in encouragement?**

**What part should empathy play?**

*Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Romans 12:15*

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*encouraged by the Holy Spirit,*

Acts 11:23,

*he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true*

Romans 1:12

*mutually encouraged by each other's faith.*

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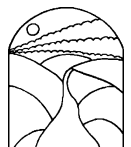
*if it is encouraging, let him encourage; Gift*

Romans 15:4

*encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

Romans 15:5

*may the God who gives endurance and encouragement*



Hebrews 10:25	Let us not give up meeting together but let us encourage one another
1 Cor 14:3	Prophecies - strengthening, encouragement and comfort.
Phil 2:1	If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ,
1 Thes 4:18	Therefore encourage each other with these words.
2 Timothy 4:2	Preach the Word; correct, rebuke and encourage

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