

Real Christian Community Series—The Church as it Ought to Be
“Encourage One Another”

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Introduction:

- A. Keith Miller says there are two kinds of people—“_____” people and “_____” people.
- B. “_____” people try to _____ people up to where they are, but “_____” people try to _____ people down.

I. What is Encouragement?

- A. Definition: “to inspire with _____, spirit, or hope; to attempt to _____; to spur on; to give _____.”
- B. Simple definition: “to put _____ into.”
- C. *Parakaleo*—“to call _____.”

II. Biblical Examples of Encouragement

- A. One encourager is _____, son of _____. (1 Sam. 23)
- B. The _____ was quite an encourager. (Acts 14:21b-22; 16:40; 20:1)
- C. The greatest encourager is a guy named _____, better known as _____. (Acts 4:34-37; 9:26-27; Acts 12-13)
1. He encouraged by helping _____ saints.
 2. He encouraged by endorsing an _____ convert.
 3. He encouraged by restoring a youthful _____.

III. How Can We Be Encouragers?

- A. Our _____ can be of encouragement.
- B. Our _____ can be of encouragement.
- C. Our _____ can be of encouragement. (Pr. 12:18; 18:21; Eph. 4:29)

Conclusion:

- A. The Christian life is like a spiritual _____, with many _____ hills, and we need many _____ to help us make it to the end.

Answer Key: Intro.A. balcony, basement. B. balcony, life, basement, drag. I.A. courage, persuade, help. I.B. courage. I.C. alongside. II.A. Jonathan, Saul. II.B. Apostle, Paul. II.C. Joseph, Barnabas. II.C.1. needy. II.C.2. unwelcome. II.C.3. deserter. III.A. example. III.B. presence. III.C. words. Concl.A. marathon, heartbreak, encouragers.