

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

The Importance of Encouragement March 8, 2022 Sue Kirkwood

Encourage – To give support to – inspire to continue on a chosen course, impart courage or confidence.

Encouraging one to be confident or hopeful.

Psalm 10.17 (NIV)

¹⁷ You, LORD, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry

Romans 12.8 (NIV)

⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

1 Thessalonians 4.17-18 (NIV)

¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

2 Timothy 4.2 (NIV)

² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-with great patience and careful instruction.

Deuteronomy 3.28 (NIV)

²⁸ But commission Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he will lead this people across and will cause them to inherit the land that you will see."

In the Old Testament they were encouraged to encourage and strengthen Joshua.

1 Thessalonians 5.11 (NIV)

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Psalm 91.1-2 (NIV)

¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Isaiah 41.7a (NIV)

⁷ The metalworker encourages the goldsmith, and the one who smooths with the hammer spurs on the one who strikes the anvil.

We should have a sense of security found in God when we dwell in the secrets of God. It the very essence of God.

Where we meet intimately with Him, we are in the shadow of the Almighty, The shadow of His wings. We are in a place of safety and security.

When we are in the secret place of God we are protected – NO harm will come to us – we are comforted by His presence.

Object lesson: The mother bird tucks her babies under her wings to protect them from the rain and other things that would try to harm them.

God does the same for us. We need to stay in the Word and fellowship with Him and TRUST Him. He will protect us from whatever tries to come against us.

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO TRUST HIM. He loves you so very much.

TRUST – a firm reliance on the integrity, ability, and character of a person.

Faith, confidence, reliance, dependence, these refer to a feeling that God will not fail!!

Judges 20.22 (NIV)

²² But the Israelites encouraged one another and again took up their positions where they had stationed themselves the first day.

Titus 2.6 (NIV)

⁶ Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.

Hebrews 3.13 (NIV)

¹³ 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 10.25 (NIV)

²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

We declare and decree that the encouraging Word of God will be spoken over the city of Detroit and fill the atmosphere to bring Hope, Peace, Love and Joy back into Detroit.