

# “Barnabas & the Ministry of Encouragement”

## Philippians 2:1-11

INTRODUCTION: *The old fly swatter...*

- I. OUR NEED FOR ENCOURAGEMENT
  - A. The Church at Philippi (Phil. 2:1-5)
  - B. You and I today
  - C. *The devil's best tool: discouragement*
  
- II. BARNABAS THE ENCOURAGER
  - A. Setting aside personal rights for others' (Acts 4:36-7)
  - B. standing by others (Acts 9:26-27)
  - C. Focusing on the positive (Acts 11:22-23)
  - D. Encouraging faithfulness in others (Acts 11:23-24)
  - E. Promoting others (Acts 11:25-26)
  
- III. JESUS, OUR ENCOURAGER
  - A. Crucified personal rights (Phil. 2:5-7)
  - B. Faithful to death (Phil. 2:8)
  - C. Alive forevermore to encourage us (Phil. 2:9-11)

CONCLUSION: *Two sleeping sentinels & their generals*