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“Encouragement”

(Philippians 2:1-11)

INTRODUCTION: *The dictionary definition of encourage*

I. THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI NEEDED ENCOURAGEMENT

(Philippians 2:1-5)

II. WHY DO WE ALL NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?

III. LET'S MEET: **BARNABAS – “SON OF ENCOURAGEMENT”**

- A. An encourager sets aside his personal rights for others (Acts 4:36-37)
- B. An encourager stands by others in their time of need (Acts 9:26-27)
- C. An encourager focuses on the positive (Acts 11:22-23)
- D. An encourager helps others to remain faithful (Acts 11:23)
- E. An encourager promotes others over himself
(Acts 11:25-26.... compare 13:43ff)

IV. JESUS IS **THE** ENCOURAGER & LOVER OF OUR SOULS

(Philippians 2:5-11)

CONCLUSION: *In Jesus' name we will be*

“sons & daughters of encouragement”