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INTRODUCTION — The Importance of Encouragement!

LESSON — Encourage One Another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

I. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER — What Does That Mean?

It *does not* mean ...

- 1) We **FLATTER** or simply **COMPLIMENT** one another. (This can be done to win approval)
- 2) We use **MOTIVATIONAL** sayings. (This causes us to look within, dig deep and find self-courage)
- 3) This applies to those who have the **GIFT** of encouragement. (It is a command)

It means ...

- 1) We come **ALONG SIDE OF** others. (*parakaleo* – Gk.)
- 2) We are like ...
 - GOD** the Father — “*The God of encouragement ...*” (Romans 15:5-6)
 - JESUS** — “*I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **Helper**.*” (John 14:16)
 - The **HOLY SPIRIT** — “*But the **Helper**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send ...*” (John 14:26)
- 3) We encourage one another in **DIFFERENT** ways.

The Point — Biblical encouragement always points us to **GOD**.

II. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER — Why Do We Do This?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-10

The Theme — The **RETURN** of Jesus. (vs. 1-3)

- 1) It is **UNPREDICTABLE**. vs. 1-2
- 2) It is **UNEXPECTED** (especially for unbelievers). v. 3

The Teaching — Pursue **GODLINESS**. (vs. 4-10)

- 1) By staying **AWAKE**. vs. 4-6a
- 2) By keeping **ALERT**. vs. 6b-7
- 3) By being **ARMED**. v. 8
- 4) By being **ASSURED**. vs. 9-10

The “Therefore” — **ENCOURAGE** and **BUILD** up one another. (v. 11)

We need encouragement because we don't have the **HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE**

III. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER — How Do We Do This?

PRAY to God:

- 1) That He would **MAKE** you an encourager.
- 2) That He would **SHOW** you who to encourage.
- 3) That He would make our Church a **CULTURE** of encouragement.

PURSUE evidences of God's grace in someone's life.

PRACTICE encouraging someone every day.

PLANT Scripture in your words of encouragement.

PICK wisely (be discerning with who you encourage).