

## **Topic: Barnabas, “The Son of Encouragement”**

Text: Acts 4:32-37 and 9:26-31 and Others

\*We all need encouragement. Abe Lincoln, a most maligned President!

- In his pocket when he died: Worn news clipping praising his good work.

### **SO... What kind of ENCOURAGEMENTS can we learn from Barnabas?**

1. Encouragement of GENEROSITY 4:32-37
  - v.32 A “Light Hold” on “Stuff”
  - v.34 No Needy Persons Among Them.
  - v.35 “Pure Communism”: [To us an emotionally laden word]
  - v.36-37 Joseph, Levite from Cyprus: “The Diaspora!”  
-Nickname: “Barnabas” = Encouragement / Consolation.
2. Encouragement to a TRANSFORMED LIFE 9:26-31
  - v. 26 Fear
  - v. 27 Barnabas’ Testimony to Saul’s “Changed Life!”
  - v. 28-29 Saul’s BOLDNESS in face of DEATH
  - v. 30 Safer in his own home town – Tarsus!
  - v. 31 “Whew!” Time of Peace – [The “Arch Enemy” - ONE OF US!]
    - Strengthened
    - Encouraged
    - Growing

3. Encouragement to GENTILE EVANGELISM [Hey that’s US!] 11:19-26
  - v. 19 Jews Only!
  - v. 20-21 Greeks (Non-Jews) Too! Cf. Acts 10 Cornelius Saved...Acts 11:17-18
  - v. 22-23 “Barnabas – Go Check it Out!”
  - v. 24 He is Spiritually Qualified!
  - v. 25-26 Added Saul to the Team! See Acts 9:15-16.
4. Encouragement in GREAT NEED 11:27-30
5. Encouragement to WORLD MISSIONS 13:2-3
  - v. 2 The Call
  - v. 3 The Commission
  - v. 13 The Companions . . . But John Mark left them!
6. Encouragement of DISCERNMENT 15:36-41 “Diamond In the Rough!”
  - v. 36 Barnabas Saw a “Diamond”
  - v. 38 Saul Saw Only the “Rough!”
  - v. 39 Sharp Disagreement – They parted company!
    - Good healthy marriages can have conflict: “Fighting Fair!”
    - Good healthy churches can have conflict! -  
Note: it needn’t be a “bad thing.” It’s sometimes necessary to “clear the air.”

NOTE: Paul’s Change of Heart! Colossians 4:10; II Timothy 4:9-10

**SO WHAT?**  
**What difference will that make HERE; NOW?**

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