

Encouragement Through Giving



34 And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there was no needy person among them. (Acts 4)





Acceptance Restoration



FELLOWSHIP OF ACCEPTANCE

22 News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad ... (Acts 11)



PERSECUTOR

1 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. (Acts 9)



ROAD TO DAMASCUS

Acts 9

20 At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

26 When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple.



27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. 28 So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.

(Acts 9)



25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So, for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. (Acts 11)

RESTORATION FAILURE The Story of John Mark



36 Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.' 37 Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, 38 but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. had such a 39 They sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord.

(Acts 15)



MISSION VS PEOPLE



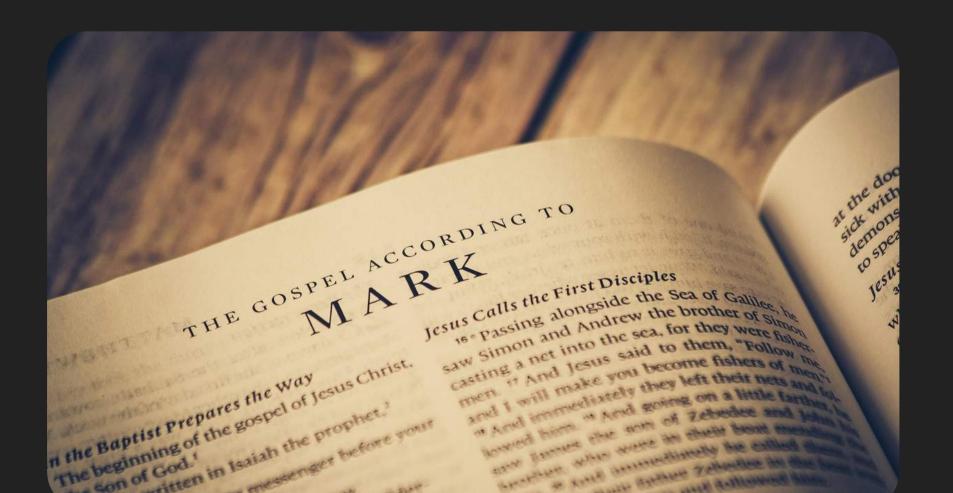
14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters ...
encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

1 Thessalonians 5

Matthew 12

20 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out,

Barnabas' Ministry of Encouragement



Philemon 24

Paul's fellow worker

2 Timothy 4

11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

1 Peter 5:13

Peter's spiritual son

reignite THE FIRE

Why Encourage?



Correction does much, but encouragement does more

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless

Mother Theresa

We rise by lifting others

Robert Ingersoll

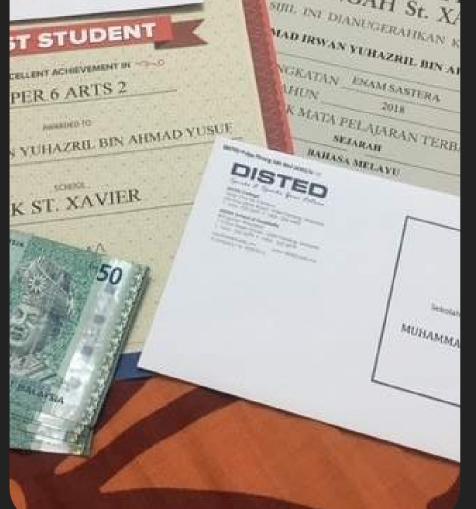
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Irwan's Story





















2 GREAT LEADERS

13 EPISTLES, 1 GOSPEL



BE A BARNABAS

BE AN ENCOURAGER