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"Encouragement" sermon notes

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"ENCOURAGEMENT"

Meaning: To inspire with courage
--- confidence -- hope ---
To stimulate by assistance
--- approval ---

Handshake for a job well done......
cheer -- hearten -- comfort -- urge....

Everyone has an influence over others......
Courage -- confidence -- hope
retard -- oppose -- hinder

Because of man's weakness he needs encouragement
--- help from other sources......

God recognized this need and supplied
"Encouragement" to those in the O.T.

(Gen. 21: 9-21)
Ishmael the son of Abraham by Hagar (I6
Sarah complains to Abraham.....
Hagar and Ishmael "Cast Out"

Homeless--helpless, a child in the wilderness
vs. 16
"Let me not see the death of the child
---lifted up her voice and wept....."
vs. 17
"What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not;
for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is....."

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God's eyes were on this lad--because Abraham;
God's eyes are on you--because Christ....
cast-out wilderness sin, homeless, etc.
Jacob sent to secure wife (Rachel)
The daughter of Laban—bro. Sarah
Left home--suffering hardship--trial---
A friendless & unprotected man....

vs. I2:—"Ladder set up from earth,
reaching into heaven"

vs. I5:—"For I will not leave thee,
until I have done that which I have
spoken to thee of.......

Encouragement: (Rom. I5:4) (Heb. I3:5)
"Let your conversation be without ---"

I. Our ladder set upon the earth...
no man can be Christian—separate
from his kind........ preparatory...

2. Ladder "Son of God" attempt to approa-
ch God otherwise -failure & disapp
---ointment....

3. Here is our "communication Line"
Christ and the Church ---

"Have not I commanded thee?" be
strong and of good courage; be not afraid
, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord
thy God is with thee whithersoever thou
goest....."
Be Strong:
Mind----(Phil.2:5) let this mind
Spirit---(Rom.8:9 ) you are not in F
Brave----(Phil.4:13) I can do all

The secret of courage----
To know we have some power.........
(Joshua I:9) (I Cor.6:19-20)

Our weaknesses guarded against--become
our strength, and our best lessons ;
if we heed them, are our mistakes........

We need to know ourselves----Jesus ...

The thinking of Paul:
(2 Cor.12:9)
"My grace is sufficient for thee"

"My spiritual strength is sufficient, for
it is only by means of conscious weakness
that perfect power is developed...
(10) ---- for it is when I am consciou-
sly weak that I am really strong...
"

(Ac.27:22-23 -31)
Except these abide in the ship, ye
cannot be saved...........

----- these the sailors-----

Preacher -(example of believer)(I Tim.4:12

Elder-(lead-direct-set example(I Pet.5:2)

Deacon & member --Encourage by their Faith
"No loss of any life among you." Ac.27:22
GOD ENCOURAGES MEN TO-DAY

(Matt. II: 28-30) (Eph. I: 7)
(Matt. IO: 30) hair of head numbered
(Matt. IO: 31) not a sparrow falls

"Reach up as far as you can, and God will reach down all the way."

WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER:

Christ set the Example:
(Isa. 61: I-3) R.S.V.
"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me,
to bring good tidings to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the broken-
hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison
to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of
vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in
Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of
mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called
oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

(Heb. 5: 9) (Lk. 6: 46) (Matt. 7: 21)
(1 Cor. 6: 19-20) you bought with a price
(2 Cor. 12: 9) grace sufficient
(Ac. 27: 31) abide in ship...
TO THOSE HAVING TRIBULATION (trouble)

(John 16:33)

In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

(1 Cor. 1:4)

trouble—affliction—sorrow...

KEEP YOUR FAITH: (Tim. 1:12)
Christ our hope—(John 16:33) 7:5

In trouble—find character—friends...
(I John 2:18) world passeth--to-morrow the sun will shine.....

Rec. 5:4— tears—death—sorrow—joy

THE STRONG NEED TO ENCOURAGE THE WEAK:

Moses encouraged the--(Israel)

All leaders should desire to

"Inspire the People"

All of God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on His being with them.

A people afraid they were about to die, didn't want to come anyway....

(Ex. 14:12) (13-14)

Paul—Moses:
(Heb. 11:26-27)

He had respect for the recompense of reward——for he endured, seeing Him who is invisible........

Church is Growing
(Matt.14:27) 5000 fed. 2 fish few loaves
Ship in the mist of the sea...half
tossed with waves--had been all night
Wind was against them(could not turn)

On the brink of human endurance--give up
Jesus walking on sea--terrified-ghost...

"Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."

Here is someone's life....
Life not always sunshine...(storm)
waves are tossed--winds against you...

family difficulties--business reverses
temptations--criticism--death love one.

KEEP OUR FAITH: ENcouragement--
faith is light in the storm.....

Hagar--cast off(God hath heard the voice
 of the lad where he is.)

Your Ladder-Jesus Christ(communication
line is not down)(Heb.13:5)

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(Matt.9:1-8)
(Mk.2:1-12)(Lk.5:17-26)

Four men -Paralytic-sick because of sin--
loving-forgiving men--roof top-
(Mt.9:2) seeing their faith (both)
"Be of good cheer----take up thy bed
and walk...."
We can bring (sick) to Jesus (Jesus) sick.  
(Deut. 33:25-27)

Shoes for read-rocky-flinty 
thy days & strength grow together

Means of healing-body-soul (Jas. 5:16) 

Not only the (sick) but (our own). 
(Matt. 25:36)(40) (43) (45)

Don't no evil - Not one solitary thing 
THE WEAK SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE STRONG: 

Moses told Israel to encourage Joshua... 
(Deut. 1:38)

Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth 
before thee, he shall go thither; 
encourage him: for he shall cause Israel 
to inherit it."

(Deut. 3:28) encourage him.....

Jesus craved sympathy: encouragement. 
(Matt. 26:40)

What could ye not watch with me 
one hour?

Leaders: encourage them -sympathy. 
No leader so strong that he can get 
along without it....

In view of conditions exist---grateful lead

OLD ENCOURAGE THE YOUNG: 
(David encourages Solomon I King 2:1-4) 
(Paul -Timothy --- (2 Tim. 1:2)
YOUNG ENCOURAGE THE OLD:

*(Eph.6:1)*

*(Prov.10:1)*

A wise son maketh/glad father

These are the things that keep men alive

Without them—commit suicide...........

ENCOURAGE OURSELVES:

Danger in self-pity...don't expect too much of others......

*(I Cor.14:20)*

Brothers, stop being children in intelligence, but as to evil keep on being babies, and yet as to intelligence be men.

*(I Cor.13:11)* when I was a child, I talk

*(Matt.10:36)*

Listen, I am sending you out as sheep surrounded by wolves. So you must be sensible like serpents and guileless like doves........

Mistreated—never missed—bottom man

David:

People spake of stoning him........

but David encouraged himself in the Lord.

Strengthen himself in the Lord his God

*(Matt.2:28-30)*(Eph.1:7)

*Gal. 5:26-27*