

A person with long brown hair, wearing glasses, a brown patterned scarf, and a black leather jacket, is seen from the back and side, looking out over a body of water at sunset. The sky is a warm orange and yellow, and the water is dark and calm.

JOHN 14:16

You are not Alone

STUDIES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Barnabas Factor

Romans 12:8

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8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.



Ephesians 4:13

- Make every effort to guard the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.



The spiritual gift of encouragement/exhortation.

- The special ability God gives to come alongside another person to give them courage to follow Jesus better.
- Parakaleo
 - Para (alongside)
 - Kaleo (called)



Example One: Barnabas (Acts 4:36)

1. Barnabas helped needy people.
 - Acts 4:36, 37
2. He sponsored an unpopular new believer.
 - Acts 9:26, 27
3. He encouraged new believers to remain true to the Lord.
 - Acts 11:22-24
4. He recruited a promising teacher.
 - Acts 11:25, 26



Example One: Barnabas (cont'd)

5. He developed a young, gifted assistant
 - Acts, chapter 13 and 14 (Barnabas and Saul – Saul and Barnabas)
6. He restored a youth who had run away.
 - Acts 15:39
 - 2 Timothy 4:11
7. Weakness: He compromised biblical doctrine and practice.
 - Galatians 2:13



Four Meanings of Encourage/Parakaleo

1. Comfort the people who are hurting.
2. Exhort, admonish, gently correct those who are drifting.
3. Affirm those who are struggling.
4. Thank someone who is doing good.

Why?

- To promote spiritual growth in people, and help them have courage to follow Jesus better.

