

Your Bible Why Not Use It #8



To Find Encouragement in Scripture

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GETTING STARTED

WHAT IS THE GREATEST COMPLIMENT SOMEONE HAS EVER GIVEN YOU?

HOW DID THAT MAKE YOU FEEL?

HOW LONG AGO WAS IT?

HOW DID YOU RESPOND?

No matter your age/phase/stage of life, we are all in need of ENCOURAGEMENT. If you were to poll those in your closest relationship circle(s), and ask if they feel encouraged, what do you think they would say?

God has designed and gifted each of us uniquely. Because of that, we have something to offer the world. On the flip side, we each need encouragement in different ways and for different circumstances, or situations.

WHAT TYPES OF SITUATIONS DO *YOU* TEND TO NEED ENCOURAGEMENT IN?

DO YOU (AND/OR YOUR FAMILY) HAVE A VERSE, OR A PASSAGE THAT YOU LOOK TO, OR TURN TO WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING, AND NEEDING ENCOURAGEMENT?

IN THE WORD

📖 Start with Jesus. Have someone read **JOHN 16.32-33**.

WHERE WOULD YOU SAY JESUS' SENSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT COMES FROM?

WHAT CAN WE 'TAKE HEART' IN FROM THIS PASSAGE?

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU ARE NEEDING ENCOURAGEMENT IN? ANY TRIBULATION YOU ARE FACING?

IS THERE ANYTHING STEALING PEACE FROM YOU?

📖 Encouragement is wrapped up in God's promises, and our *waiting expectantly (HOPE)* for Him to fulfill and carry out His promises. Have someone read **HEBREWS 6.13-18**.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABRAHAM FELT AS IF HE WAS WAITING...AND WAITING...AND WAITING ON GOD?

WHAT IS OUR TENDENCY? DO WE WAIT FOR GOD TO COME THROUGH HOW WE WANT HIM TO COME THROUGH, OR DO WE WAIT EXPECTANTLY FOR HIM TO DO WHATEVER HE WOULD IN OUR LIFE?

MY LIFE - OUR MISSION

If we claim to be followers of Jesus, we ought to be the BIGGEST and the BEST encouragers. Perhaps this is a good time for a self-check: *"Am I an encourager? ... Do I speak life to others? ... Do I offer fuel and fire? ... Do others recognize Jesus at work in me? ..."*

Pray with and over one another that your *life-defining relationship with Christ* would overflow to others in your thoughts, your words, and your actions.