**Barnabas: Ongoing Encouragement**

**Second Nature: Developing Godly Character- Session 4**

***Opening Question:***

*Who have you known that you could describe as being known for encouraging?*

*What type of encouragement makes a difference in your life?*

***Edify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***Encourage:*** give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to someone to cause them to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ something.

**Encouragement Lessons From Barnabas**

Acts 4:32-37

1. Encouragement is a Way of Life

***How is generosity a source of encouragement?***

***How do we make encouragement a part of our character?***

2. Encouragement Happens in Community

***What challenges do we face in a community of Christians that encourage one another?***

Acts 9:26

3. Encourage Builds Up

***What risks do we take when we encourage another?***

***How do we ensure that our encouragement is the kind that builds up?***

Acts 9:27

4. Encouragement Trusts God

***How do we learn to trust God with the hearts and lives of others?***

Acts 11:19-22

5. Encouragement is Not Idle

***How do we build a reputation of being an encourager?***

Acts 11:23-24

6. Encouragement Points to Christ

***How does true encouragement glorify the Lord and not ourselves or others?***

Acts 11:25-26

7. Encouragement Causes Growth

***When has the encouragement of another caused your own spiritual growth?***

**Encouragement With Responsibility**

Romans 14:1-23

**Liberty:**

the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ according to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Conviction:**

the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_belief that something is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We encourage with responsibility by:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Maturity Compromise***

***Acceptance Endorsement***

***Scripture Opinions***

***Relationship Our Rights***

***Example Criticism***

We encourage with responsibility by:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attention to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_things

We live a life of encouragement by:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***How can I encourage in a way that edifies?***

***How can I use my resources and gifts to encourage?***

***How can I encourage with responsibility?***