

A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK ELEVEN | THE POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

MONDAY

The Power of Encouragement

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."

KEY TRUTH

God uses sincere encouragement to strengthen hearts and build up His people.

GOOD MORNING!

Good morning! Everyone needs encouragement. Even strong people grow tired, faithful people become weary, and hopeful people sometimes struggle beneath the weight of life.

Paul tells believers to comfort and edify one another. To edify means to build up. Our words can help repair what disappointment has weakened and restore courage where fear has taken hold.

Encouragement is more than flattery. It recognizes God's work in another person, speaks truth with love, and reminds weary hearts that they are not walking alone.

Ask God to make you a builder today. Notice someone who is trying, serving, grieving, or quietly carrying a burden. A thoughtful word, a Scripture, or a sincere thank-you may become the strength they need for the next step.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

1. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11 aloud.**
2. **Ask God to show you someone who needs encouragement.**
3. **Name one evidence of God's work in that person.**
4. **Spend five minutes praying for their strength.**
5. **Send them a sincere message today.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"Help Somebody Today"
- Carrie E. Breck

"Help somebody today."
A life of encouragement looks for simple opportunities to bring courage, help, and hope to another person.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Tell someone specifically what you appreciate about their faithfulness. Make your encouragement honest, personal, and timely.

PRAYER

Father, thank You for the people who have encouraged me. Make my words a source of truth, grace, and strength. Help me notice the weary, build up Your people, and point discouraged hearts toward Jesus. Use me to help someone take the next faithful step today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

Encouragement may take only a moment to give, but God can use it to strengthen someone for a lifetime.

THE GOSPEL IN ONE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

TOMORROW'S TAKE FIVE

Week Eleven | Tuesday | Strengthen the Discouraged | Isaiah 35:3-4 (KJV)

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Doing God's work, God's way, in Jesus' name!