

A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK ELEVEN | THE POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

TUESDAY

Strengthen the Discouraged

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

Isaiah 35:3-4

"Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come."

KEY TRUTH

Biblical encouragement strengthens the weary by directing their attention back to God.

GOOD MORNING!

Good morning! Discouragement can weaken the hands, shake the knees, and make the next step feel impossible. God does not tell us to ignore those who are struggling. He tells us to strengthen them.

The message in Isaiah is not empty optimism. It is rooted in the character and coming help of God: 'Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come.'

We encourage people best when we do more than say, 'Cheer up.' We listen to their pain, stand beside them, and remind them that God remains present, faithful, and able.

Someone near you may be fighting a battle they have not explained. Be gentle. Listen without judgment. Speak a promise from God's Word, and help their trembling heart look again toward the Lord.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

1. **Read Isaiah 35:3-4.**
2. **Notice someone who seems weary or withdrawn.**
3. **Listen before offering advice.**
4. **Spend five minutes praying for their courage.**
5. **Share one promise of God's presence with them.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"Does Jesus Care?"
- Frank E. Graeff

"O yes, He cares, I know He cares."
The weary heart finds courage when it remembers that Jesus sees, understands, and cares.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Call someone who has been carrying a difficult burden. Give them time to speak, and remind them that God has not forgotten them.

PRAYER

Compassionate Lord, open my eyes to discouraged people around me. Give me patience to listen, wisdom to speak, and tenderness to care. Use Your Word through me to strengthen weak hands, steady fearful hearts, and remind others that You will come to their aid. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

The best encouragement does not deny the struggle; it reminds the struggling person that God is still greater.

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 | Wednesday | The Ministry of Presence | Romans 12:15 (KJV)

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

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