

## Called To Be An Encourager

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### I THESSALONIANS 5:11-15

#### Using This Study

##### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

##### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

##### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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#### Introduction:

Gates Brown coached the Detroit Tigers all the way to the World Series. At the pinnacle of success, he resigned with the explanation, "I figured they'd show me some appreciation, but you might as well believe in the tooth fairy!"

## 🕒 EXAMINE His Word

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What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

### Read I Thessalonians 5:11-15 (NASB)

<sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

<sup>12</sup> But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction,

<sup>13</sup> and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

<sup>14</sup> We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

<sup>15</sup> See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

## 🕒 EXPLORE His Word

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What does God MEAN?

1. What is the source of (basis, reason for) encouragement for believers?
2. Who needs encouragement? How would you identify and describe them?

3. Does everyone need the same kind of help or encouragement?

4. How do we go about encouraging people? (List some specific ways.)

5. What does it take to be an encourager?

## **③ EMBRACE His Word**

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Why does this MATTER to me?

### **Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

## **SERMON NOTES**