

Joy Without Limits :
"The Joy of Encouragement"
GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Text : Hebrews 10:19-25

Introduction: Jesus commanded His disciples to be joyful. **John 15:11** says, "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." One of the greatest privileges a Christian has is to be surrounded by a supportive and encouraging church family. Encouragement is part of our ministry! In today's lesson we are going to see who needs encouragement and what we can do to make sure they receive it.

Discussion:

I. Who Needs Encouragement?

Our Missionaries & Ministers

Acts 11:23

Those Suffering From Conflict

Acts 15:32

Those Suffering in Sorrow

Ephesians 6:21-22

Those Suffering From Persecution

Colossians 4:8

Christians in the Assemblies

Hebrews 10:25

Our Relationships & Friendships

Hebrews 13:3

Those Waiting For The Second Coming

I Thessalonians 4:18

Those in Our Community

I Thessalonians 5:11

The Fainthearted & Weak

I Thessalonians 5:14

Christians Who Are Working

II Thessalonians 3:12

Older Members

I Timothy 5:1-2

Younger Members

Titus 2:1-18

II. How Can We Give Encouragement?

#1 - Care for People

John 15:12

Romans 12:10

#2 - Circumvent Obstacles

Matthew 22:39

Romans 13:8-10

#3 - Cautious Words (Timely)

Proverbs 12:25

Proverbs 15:4

Proverbs 16:24

Proverbs 18:21

Proverbs 25:11

James 3:5-6

#4 - Complete Openness

Ephesians 4:15

Ephesians 5:18-20

#5 - Commit to the Cause

Luke 19:10

Matthew 28:19-20

Mark 16:15-16

Acts 20:32

#6 - Compliment Character

Romans 16:1

I Corinthians 4:17

Ephesians 6:21-22

Colossians 4:8

I Timothy 2:14-15

#7 - Create a Positive Atmosphere

I Thessalonians 4:9-12

Galatians 6:6

Ephesians 4:11-16

I Timothy 6:18

II Timothy 1:8

Hebrews 13:15

Conclusion: Are you ready to drink from the well? Are you ready to receive some encouragement? Are you ready to encourage others with a decision to commit your life fully to the Lord's kingdom? God is willing to give you the courage if you'll only take the first step! Remember the Lord loves you and He is with you always!!!