

Community Commands

Encourage One Another

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore

This conjunction ties this verse with context that _____ it. Our passage is the conclusion of Paul's _____ instructions to the believers in Thessalonica.

Why are we to be encouraging each other? Because we are _____ living in resurrection _____ as well as living in _____ of resurrection in the _____.

The _____ of _____ is our encouragement.

Two Word Studies

“Encourage” comes from the Greek verb “parakaleo”

- Call to _____, summon; _____ someone; call upon for _____
- Appeal to, _____, _____, encourage
- Request, _____ to, _____

Brothers and sisters of faith _____ each other as counselors (parakletes), urging one another to _____ their faith, remembering the _____ of resurrection hope and urging each other to make good life decisions based upon the _____ of our faith.

“Build up” comes from the Greek verb “oikodomeo”

- Build, erect (real buildings); build up again, _____

- Build (_____) – (Jesus, “build my church”)
- _____, strengthen people in _____

Brothers and sisters of faith are building something _____ than _____, bigger than the _____ parts. The routine aspects of our involvement with each other produce _____ and _____ in individuals and the marvelous _____ of the church of Jesus Christ.

Habitual Activity

When and how are we to do this encouraging and building up? The Greek verb tenses are present imperative: the command is to “_____.”

Faith flows out of us at _____, so that what we believe is _____ by people who _____ us wherever we are and whatever we are doing.

That is why it is important for us to form _____.

Paul points out that this encouraging is not an _____ or _____ community behavior. It should and can be “_____.”
“As you are doing”

Encouragement Action Cards

First: Write down the name of one fellow believer you can encourage in faith this week.

Second: Write down the type of encouragement you can give that person.

What do I do with this?

Read our verse every day this week, maybe memorize it:

1 Thessalonians 5:11

*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as
in fact you are doing.*

We all know someone who _____ our _____.

We all can give someone else a _____ in their faith.

Continue to _____ faith as you
have done so well for so long.