

Sew Precious In His Sight



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ARE YOU AN ENCOURAGER?

What is an encourager? The definition of an encourager is someone who gives hope, builds confidence, or motivates others to take a course of action or to continue doing something. Do you have an encourager in your life or perhaps you are an encourager?

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5 (NIV)

A man named Joseph was such an encourager that he earned the nickname "Son of Encouragement," or *Barnabas* by the Jerusalem Christians.

Barnabas's actions were crucial to the early church. Barnabas did wonders with encouragement. Won't you be an encourager to someone today?

We all need to be encouraged. We have all needed encouragement at one time or another in our lives. However, the value of encouragement is often missed because it tends to be private rather than public. It can be as simple as a smile when you pass a stranger on the street, a hug to a friend, or comfort to a little child who has fallen and skinned a knee. As mothers how many times has one of our children fallen and we kissed his or her booboo to make it feel better. There are so many ways to be an encourager. In fact, most people need encouragement when they feel alone. How alone does a parent feel when they have lost an infant or have one in the NIC unit? Have you thought how often you have been a Barnabas through your "stitches" of Threads of Love. Each time a parent opens one of the packets that you have sewn with Threads of Love, you are a Barnabas. They know that someone cares about them and their troubled heart, and they are comforted by a stranger whom they have never met. How the Master must smile and think that's my child reaching out to one of my children who needs encouraging.

You, too, can be a Barnabas and encourage others. Here are six examples of how you can become an encourager.

1. Begin each day by praying and reading the Bible. Encouragement from God is the best encouragement anyone can receive. Make the decision that you will go out and encourage those you come in contact during the day.
2. Brain storm and practice some things you may say to people you see during the day. The more you encourage, the more it will become a part of you to do so. In time, you will do it naturally.
3. Sending a card or an email is a great way to encourage each other.

4. Pray for someone and let them know you are praying for them. This is very encouraging to many, knowing that you have them on your mind and heart and are praying for them.
5. Find someone who needs help with a project or situation. Encourage them by joining with them to help them work through it. Let them know they are not alone.
6. Never grow tired of doing good. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Gal. 6:9)

Out of the mouths of babes!!

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served.

When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. 'Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer.' said his mother.

'I don't need to,' the boy replied. 'Of course, you do.' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.' 'That's at our house.' Johnny explained. 'But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!'

I don't think Johnny was an encourager!

Question: What is the most common remark made by 50+ year olds when they enter antique stores?

Answer: "I remember these". Or "I have one of those."

Jesus paid a debt He didn't owe!



to our Threads of Love family

Inland Empire-Threads of Love

Diana Reints

Yucaipa, Ca

Threads of Love

Jamie Bone

Valdosta, GA

Bible Fun fact

Did you know the only domesticated

animal not mentioned

in the Bible is the Cat!



Happy 10th Birthday

Central Illinois-Threads of Love

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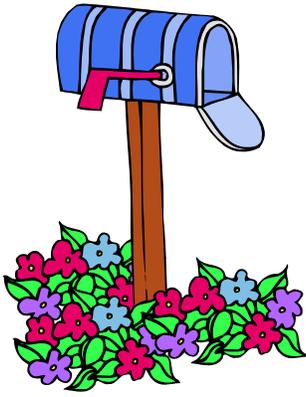
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**Mark your calendars for the up coming
Threads of Love Conference to be held
April 25 - 28, 2012**

Have you heard that Sissy is having a lady from New York to show us what to wear at the Threads of Love conference so we will be comfortable and have a great time?

No I didn't! What a nice thing for her to do for us. I also heard that there will be something called the menopausal ladies. That should be interesting. I also understand that there are a few more surprises lined up for us also. OH! I also heard that there will be some new classes this time, like a computer class, one with a lawyer and CPA to answer questions about becoming a 501-c chapter, along with a panel to ask question about chapter problem- solving. Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, will be one of the guest speakers. I understand he is a great motivational speaker. Sounds as if we will have a great weekend! How about you and your husband riding with us?





From our Mail Box

Hello,
God bless your Ministry!! I lost a son to stillbirth, and I know how devastating it can be. To have someone there to acknowledge that a stillborn baby is a person is very important to the parents.

What you do for the babies and families is the definition of compassion and love! May God continue to bless you and keep you!!

Kim

Dear Sissy and all the special ladies of the threads of love organization,

I recently lost my little girl Simone due to premature birth. She only lived a day. She was only 22 1/2 weeks old. Her life here was short. She was loved and wanted very much, but we had to say goodbye to her and send her home to GOD. To take her off of the ventilator was the hardest decision we have ever had to make, but we knew it was time for her to suffer no more and to be at peace with the LORD and our loved ones who have went before us. When we went in to the NICU to say goodbye they had her dressed in the cutest and littlest outfit we had ever seen. I could not believe that there were clothes made to fit someone sooooo small. That and the lovely soft blanket made saying goodbye to her and holding her the sweetest feeling. I cannot believe that there are people such as you that care sooo much about giving some sort of comfort through such a painful experience. I have been a Christian for

30 years now and in all of my 30 years I have never had something that touched me as much as the things I received from your organization did.

It has been seven months now and I decided tonight that I was ready again to look at the things I received (her gown, blanket, prayer card, etc.....) and all of a sudden it hit me. I need to contribute to the people who made Simone's passing so sweet. I cannot in any way sew, so I would like to know in what other way can I donate. Money, lace, material anything....I think I would love picking out those things. With eternal love and appreciation to all the special ladies who contribute their talent and time in such a special way. Michell

Dear Sissy,

I wanted to share with you a quick thank you from me. My niece delivered a stillborn baby on Tuesday. I am told that she was a beautiful little red haired girl. On Tuesday after I got the frantic call from my sister telling me that she had been transferred to the University of Arkansas and was in labor, I headed to the closest church and began to pray. While spending my time there I felt the urgency to do something. I called up the hospital there and asked them if they had burial gowns for little ones and they did. I can't tell you what that meant to me. It made me feel just a little bit like I was there.

I also wanted to tell you, that I am in the process of filling out the form that you recently sent and will get that to you.

Thanks again.

Love,
Gigi

Esther 8:9 is the longest verse, while John 11:35 is the shortest