

## **Encourage One Another (Mothers of Encouragement)**

(Series: What Do We Do With One Another?)

Text: **Hebrews 10:23-25**

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### **Introduction**

**Hebrews 10:23-25**

A. What do we do with "one another?"

1) The Cross goes in both directions (Vertically & horizontally)

**John 3:16**

2) Thirty-seven times (NIV) we are told what to do with "one another."

B. Today's message: "Encourage One Another" (Dedicated to moms)

C. Pastor Tim's testimony: I am what I am today because of...

1) The example of my father (the power of perseverance)

2) The encouragement of my mother (the promise of potential & possibilities)

### **I.                   is Encouragement?**

A) Encouragement is helping people see more of their potential and less of their problems.

B) Encouragement is helping people to know that they are not alone; You are with them, and the Lord is with them too.

**Hebrews 13:5-6**

C) Encouragement is inspiration to try again!

D) English word for encouragement comes from an old French word that means "to put courage in."

E) Encouragement is keeping hope alive, for without hope, people lose the strength they need for living.

## II. is Encouragement Important?

A) Because everyone needs it!

1. Remember George Bailey from “It’s a Wonderful Life”

2. Everyone needs it daily!

**Hebrews 3:12-13**

**Hebrews 10:23-25**

3. Everyone needs encouragement, including those you think “have it all together.”

B) Because everyone can do it!

C) Because not everyone will.

D) Because the Lord has asked us, instructed us, to be encouragers.

## III. Do I Become an Encourager?

A) By focusing on the needs of others more than myself.

**Romans 1:11-12**

**Ephesians 6:21-22**

**Colossians 4:7-8**

B) By seeing the best in people

C) By seeing the potential in people

D) By sharing the promises of God’s Word for their life

**Romans 15:4**

**Philippians 1:6**

**Philippians 4:13**

**2 Timothy 4:2**

**Titus 1:9**

• Three promises to share with people when discouraged:

1. God has a plan for your life (**Jeremiah 29:11**)

2. God loves you with an everlasting love (**Jeremiah 31:3**)

3. God will never leave you or forsake you (**Hebrews 13:5-6**)

E) You become an encourager by looking for opportunities to encourage!

## Conclusion

A. The story of Susan Boyle

B. You can make a difference in the life of someone – through encouragement!