

VERSES ON ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Samuel 23:15-17 15 David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh. 16 And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and *strengthened* his hand in God. 17 And he said to him, Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this.

1 Samuel 30:6 6 And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David *strengthened* himself in Yahweh his God.

2 Chronicles 30:22 22 And Hezekiah spoke *encouragingly* to all the Levites who showed good skill in the service of Yahweh. So they ate the food of the festival for seven days, sacrificing peace offerings and giving thanks to Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

Psalms 119:52 52 When I think of your rules from of old, I take comfort (נחם), Yahweh.

Psalms 119:76 76 Let your loyal love comfort (נחם) me according to your promise to your servant.

Proverbs 18:14 14 A man's spirit will endure sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?¹

Isaiah 35:3-4 3 *Strengthen* the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who have an anxious heart, Be strong. Fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.

Isaiah 40:1-2 1 *Comfort* (נחם), *comfort* my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from Yahweh's hand double [blessing] for all her sins.

Isaiah 51:3 3 For Yahweh *comforts* Zion. He comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of Yahweh. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Isaiah 51:12 12 I, I am he who *comforts* you. Who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass...?

Isaiah 61:1-3 1 The Spirit of the Lord Yahweh is upon me [Jesus], because Yahweh has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound, 2 to proclaim the year of Yahweh's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God, to *comfort* all who mourn, 3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a

¹ When we are discouraged, we need encouragement.

faint spirit, that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of Yahweh, that he may be glorified.

Isaiah 66:13 13 As one whom his mother *comforts*, so I will *comfort* you. You shall be *comforted* in Jerusalem.

Zechariah 10:2 2 For the household gods utter nonsense, and the diviners see lies. They tell false dreams and give empty *comfort* (ἄψυχο). Therefore the people wander like sheep. They are afflicted for lack of a shepherd.

***John 14:16-17** 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another *Encourager* (παράκλητος), to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 15:26 26 But when the *Encourager* (παράκλητος) comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will testify about me.

John 16:7 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the *Encourager* (παράκλητος) will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

Acts 4:36 36 There was a Levite—a native of Cyprus, Joseph—to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means son of *encouragement* (παράκλησις)).

Acts 9:31 31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord [Jesus] and in the *encouragement* of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

Acts 11:23 23 When [Barnabas] came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced. And he *encouraged* (παρακαλέω) them all to remain faithful to the Lord [Jesus] with loyal devotion.

Acts 14:21-22 21 When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, to Iconium, and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, *encouraging* them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

Acts 15:30-32 30 So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. 31 And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its *encouragement*. 32 And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, *encouraged* and strengthened the brothers with many words.

Acts 20:1-2 1 After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples. And after *encouraging* (παρακαλέω) them and saying farewell, he left for Macedonia. 2 When he had gone through those regions and had given the believers much *encouragement* (παρακαλέω), he came to Greece....

Romans 12:6-8 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the encourager (*παρακαλέω*), in encouragement (*παρακλήσις*)....

Romans 15:4-6 4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the *encouragement* of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God of endurance and *encouragement* grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Messiah Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Messiah.

1 Corinthians 14:3 3 On the other hand, those who prophesy speak to other people for their upbuilding, *encouragement* (*παρακλήσις*), and *consolation* (*παραμυθία*).

***2 Corinthians 1:3-7** 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Messiah, the Father of mercies and the God of all *encouragement* (*παρακλήσις*), 4 who *encourages* (*παρακαλέω*) us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to *encourage* (*παρακαλέω*) those who are in any affliction through the *encouragement* (*παρακλήσις*) with which we ourselves are being *encouraged* (*παρακαλέω*) by God. 5 For just as the sufferings of Messiah are abundant for us, so also our *encouragement* (*παρακλήσις*) is abundant through Messiah. 6 If we are being afflicted (*θλίβω*), it is for your *encouragement* (*παρακλήσις*) and deliverance. If we are being *encouraged* (*παρακαλέω*), it is for your *encouragement* (*παρακλήσις*), which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. 7 Our hope for you is unshaken. For we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our *encouragement* (*παρακλήσις*).

2 Corinthians 2:6-7 6 This punishment by the majority is enough for such a person. 7 So now instead you should forgive and *encourage* (*παρακαλέω*) him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow (*λύπη*).

2 Corinthians 5:20 20 So we are ambassadors for Messiah, because God is *exhorting* (*παρακαλέω*) through us: We plead with you on behalf of Messiah, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 7:6-7 6 But God, who *comforts* the downcast, *comforted* us by the coming of Titus, 7 and not only by his coming but also by the *comfort* with which he was *comforted* by you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more.

2 Corinthians 7:13 13 Therefore we are *comforted*. And besides our own *comfort*, we rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.

2 Corinthians 13:11 11 Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Aim for restoration, *encourage* one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Philippians 2:1-2 1 So if there is any *encouragement* in Messiah, any *comfort* from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 4:2 2 I *encourage* (παρακαλέω) Euodia and I *encourage* (παρακαλέω) Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord [Jesus].

Colossians 2:1-2 1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you, for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face, 2 that their hearts may be *encouraged*, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Messiah....

Colossians 4:8 8 I have sent Tychicus to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are and that he may *encourage* (παρακαλέω) your hearts.

Philemon 7 7 For I [Paul] have derived much joy and *encouragement* from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you [Philemon].

***1 Thessalonians 2:12** 12 ...We encouraged (παρακαλέω) each one of you, consoled (παραμυθέομαι) you, and charged (μαρτύρομαι) you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 3:2-3 2 ...And we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Messiah, to establish and *encourage* you in your faith, 3 that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this.

1 Thessalonians 3:6-7 6 ...Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought us the good news of your faith and love. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us—just as we long to see you. 7 For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been *encouraged* (παρακαλέω) about you through your faith.

***1 Thessalonians 4:16-18** 16 For the Lord [Jesus] himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Messiah will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore *encourage* one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 11 Therefore *encourage* one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 14 And we *urge* you, brothers and sisters, admonish the idle, *cheer up* the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 16 Now may our Lord Jesus Messiah himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal *encouragement* and good hope through grace, 17 *encourage* your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

***Hebrews 3:13** 13 But *encourage* one another every day, as long as it is called today, that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 6:17-18 17 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong *encouragement* to hold fast to the hope set before us.

***Hebrews 10:24-25** 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but *encouraging* one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 13:22 22 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, bear with my word of *encouragement*, for I have written to you briefly.

1 John 2:1 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an *encourager* (παράκλητος) with the Father, Jesus Messiah the righteous.