



AUDIENCE HANDOUT | ACTS 4:36-37; 9:26-31; 11:22-26; 15:36-41

Key question: Who needs me to say, “I know this person and I _____ in them”?

Big idea: The church is built by people who say out loud what God is _____ in somebody before anybody else will risk it.

I. Who Was This Man?

His mother gave him the name _____. The apostles gave him the name _____, which means “Son of Encouragement.”

Before Luke records Barnabas saying a word, he records him letting go of what he had and laying it at the apostles’ _____.

“For he was a _____ man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.” Acts 11:24

II. The Man Nobody Would Touch

“But Barnabas _____ hold of him and _____ him to the apostles and _____ to them how he had seen the Lord.” Acts 9:27

Barnabas spent his own _____ on a man everyone feared. The church was built up because one trusted man told Saul’s story for him.

III. The Man Who Went to Get a Better Preacher

Barnabas saw the _____ of God at Antioch, rejoiced, and encouraged the believers to remain true to the Lord. Then he went to _____ to look for Saul. Barnabas cared about the _____ more than the credit. The disciples were first called _____ in a congregation Barnabas strengthened by making room for somebody else. Acts 11:25-26

IV. The Man Who Would Not Give Up on the Boy

John Mark left Paul and Barnabas and did not go with them to the..... Years later, Barnabas wanted to take him again.

Barnabas took _____ and sailed to Cyprus. Paul took Silas. The church remained _____, and two teams went out where one had gone before.

Later Paul wrote, “If he comes to you, _____ him,” and finally, “Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is _____ to me for service.” Colossians 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:11

V. Why Should You Care?

Encouragement cost Barnabas his _____, his _____, and his _____. Each time, he used a word to make room for another person.

“Therefore _____ one another and _____ up one another, just as you also are doing.” 1

Thessalonians 5:11

VI. The Grace of God with Me

“By the _____ of God I am what I am.” 1 Corinthians 15:10

God’s grace reached Saul through the Lord, through Ananias, and through Barnabas. Grace passes from one mouth to one ear, and the church is built up.

VII. My Name and My Sentence

The person I will encourage this week: _____

The sentence I will say: “I know this person, and I believe in them.”

Take hold of somebody. Make room for somebody. Do not give up on somebody.

Encourage one another and build up one another.