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Sunday, June 12, 2011

“MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT”

(Acts 9:26-31)

This morning we focus on one of the great encouragers in the Bible. His fellow believers named him Barnabas which means “son of encouragement.” What does it mean to be a “balcony person?”

1. Barnabas was a balcony person by _____.

2. Barnabas was a balcony person by _____.

3. Barnabas was a balcony person by _____.

4. Barnabas was a balcony person by _____.

5. We need to be balcony people for _____.

“Encourage one another daily, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness” (Hebrews 3:13, NIV).

“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as, in fact, you are doing” (1 Thessalonians 5:11, NIV).

“I’m eager to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. In this way, each of us will be a blessing to the other” (Romans 1:12, NLT).

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1. Barnabas was a balcony person by giving.

“Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet” (Acts 4:36-37, NIV).

2. Barnabas was a balcony person by showing grace.

“Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit” (Acts 9:31, NIV).

3. Barnabas was a balcony person by servicing.

“For a whole year Barnabas and Paul taught great numbers of people” (Acts 11:26, NIV).

“At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went to the synagogues” (Acts 14:1, NIV).

4. Barnabas was a balcony person by developing others.

“Paul and his companions”...notice Barnabas doesn’t even get his name in here anymore...” sailed to Perga where John left them to return to Jerusalem” (Acts 13:13, NIV).

“Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them. But Paul did not think it was wise because he had deserted them.... They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company” (Acts 15:37-39, NIV).

“Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is helpful in my ministry” (2 Timothy 4:11, NIV).

5. We need to be balcony people for each other.

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“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as, in fact, you are doing” (1 Thessalonians 5:11, NIV).

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25, NIV).

“There was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means “Son of Encouragement”)” (Acts 4:36, NLT).

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