

The Son of Encouragement

Barnabas was an Encourager

- **Son of encouragement was fitting.**
 - **Acts 4:36, 37**
- **Barnabas encouraged others physically.**
- **Barnabas encouraged others spiritually.**
 - **Acts 11:19-26**
- **What made him a good encourager?**
 - **He used the word. Acts 13:52, 48 cf. 13:43, 44; 14:21, 22**

Barnabas Had a Backbone

- **Encouragement and taking a stance can go hand in hand.**
- **The example of Barnabas. Acts 14:8-15; 15:1, 2**
 - He took a stance for “the truth of the gospel”.
- **An area of application. Acts 18:24-28**
 - It is not encouragement if we allow someone to remain as they are.
 - Building someone up may include correcting them.

An Area of Weakness

- **Biblical claim of inspiration.**
 - Bible makes no effort to glamorize its heroes.
- **Barnabas shows a moment of weakness.**
 - Galatians 2:11-14.
- **What can we take from this?**
 - Anybody can fall. 1 Corinthians 10:12
 - But, we don't have to sin. 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - People around us influence us. 1 Corinthians 15:33

Barnabas Looked for the Best

- He saw the best in Paul. Acts 9:26-30
- Effect of Barnabas' decision can be seen.
 - Paul wrote epistles and established churches.
- He saw the best in John Mark. 15:36-41
- Barnabas' trust proved to be useful.
- How do we see the best in others?
 - 1 Corinthians 13:7
 - In evangelism, preach to all men.