

## Art of Encouragement

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## Warning: Groaning Creation

### Rom 8: 18-25

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 **that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay** and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

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22 **We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.** 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we **hope** for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

### Mark 13: 3-13

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?" 5 And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that **no one deceives you.** 6 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and will deceive many. 7 **But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for *such things* must happen, but the end *is* not yet.**

### Mark 13: 3-13

8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. **And there will be earthquakes in various places,** and there will be famines and troubles. These *are* the beginnings of sorrows. 9 "But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. 10 And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

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11 But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. **But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.** 12 Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 13 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who **endures** to the end shall be saved.

#### Luke 21: 8-19

8 He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. 9 When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

#### Luke 21: 7-19

11 There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. 13 And so you will bear testimony to me.

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14 But make up your mind **not to worry beforehand** how you will defend yourselves. 15 For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17 Everyone will hate you because of me. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 **Stand firm, and you will win life.**

### 1) Accountability

#### Heb 10: 25

**not giving up meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but **encouraging** one another—and all the more as you see the **Day approaching**.

### 2) Stick together

#### Rom 15:5

5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

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#### Phil 2:1-2

1 Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being of* one accord, of one mind.

### 3) Spiritually Awake

1 Thes 5: 1-11

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

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1 Thes 5: 1-11

5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

### 4) Art of Encouragement

Col 3: 16

16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

### 4) Art of Encouragement

Acts 14:22

22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

### 4) Art of Encouragement

Rom 1: 12

12 that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

## Means to Encourage

### 1 Cor 14: 2-4

2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. 3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. 4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

## Means to Encourage

### 1 Cor 14: 31

31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all **may learn and all be encouraged,**

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