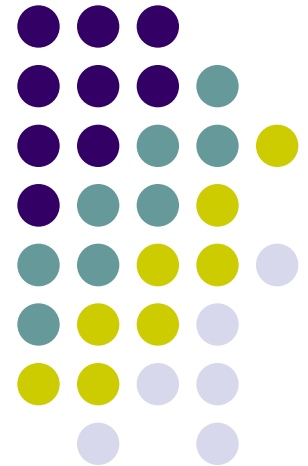


# Good morning!

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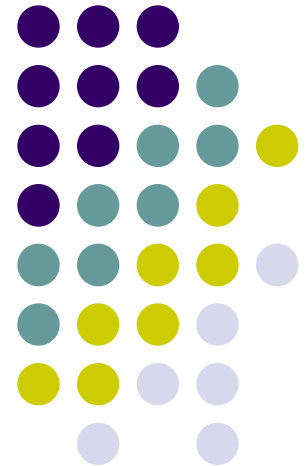
“..The churches of Christ greet you” – Rom 16:16



# The Power of Encouragement

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Scripture text: **Acts 15:36-39**



# Evil & Adulterous generation



- It keeps getting worse
- So much of discouragement...
  - Human are getting more evil
  - Lots of killings
  - Lots of suffering
  - Lots of cheating and lying
  - Things have gone up in price

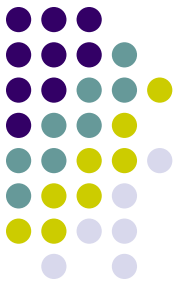


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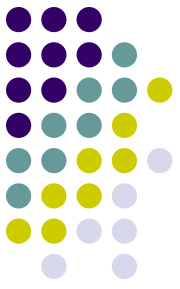
- Life can be very challenging.
- Need lots of help along the way.
- Need someone to say, you can do it
- Need the extra push to cross the finish line.

**Encouragement**

# Quotes by William Arthur Ward



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# Think...

- What can change the life of another person?
- Will it... if we'll to continually...
  - Rate them
  - Find things wrong with them
  - Point out their faults
  - Tell them how worthless they are

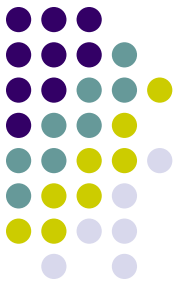
**Will change them but not for the better**



# To change people for the better

- Encourage them
  - Not nitpicking
  - Not continually looking for thing we don't like
- Be someone who says
  - “You can do this...”
  - “You don't have to quit”

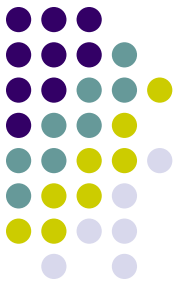
# What is Encouragement?



- Come along side of
- Give support and hope
- Help or Stimulate development

**John 14:16-18** And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may abide with you forever -- the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I **will not leave you** orphans; I will come to you.

# Son of Encouragement



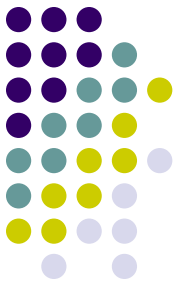
**Acts 4:36-37** And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

# How do we encourage others?



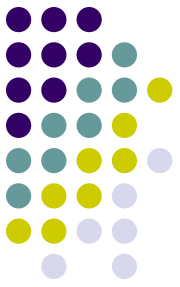
1. Get into the game with others
  - Acts 13:13
  - Acts 15:36-39
    - Barnabas sees something in John Mark
2. Display a positive attitude
  - Look for the best in people
  - Stay positive
3. Instill faith in other people
  - Have to believe they can do it

# Why do we encourage others?



1. To keep those lack courage from quitting
  - Acts 11:21-24
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:14
    - Don't want people go back to the old way of life
2. To draw out potential in others
  - Deuteronomy 1:37-39
  - 2 Timothy 4:11
    - Have we encourage our young to go into Christian service?

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3. To help people see God in tough times
  - James 1:2-4
  - Romans 8:28
4. To strengthen others
  - Philippians 1:14
  - Proverbs 27:17
5. To strengthen the church community
  - Hebrews 10:24-25

# Conclusion



- Encouragement helps!
- Be an encourager!
  - Take that role – seriously
  - Change another person life
- Be a blessing to others
- Whose life are you blessing?
  - With encouragement

