

BARNABAS

SON OF ENCOURAGEMENT

WHO WAS BARNABAS?

- ▶ Joseph, a Levite of 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)**

Encouragement in Action

- ▶ When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple **(Acts 9:26)**.
- ▶ But Barnabas took him and brought him to apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. **(Acts 9:27)**.

Growth through Encouragement

- ▶ News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to /Antioch. When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord I (Acts 11:22-24).

Set Apart for Missionary Ministry

- ▶ In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch), and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting the Holy Spirit said, “set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off **(Acts 13:1-3)**

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Remembered as
ENCOURAGER