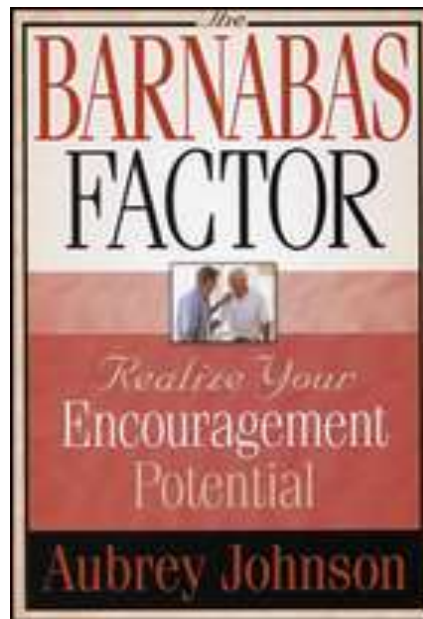


# The Barnabas Factor: Realize Your Encouragement Potential



**Wednesday Evening Summer Study**  
**June 14-September 6, 2017**



# Scheduled Lessons

- **Aug 2**                    **The Lips of an Encourager**
- **Aug 9**                    **The Hands of an Encourager**
- **Aug 16**                   **Courage to Build: Nehemiah**
- **Aug 23**                   **Courage to Bloom: Barnabas**
- **Aug 30**                   **Courage to Believe: Jesus**
- **Sept 6**                   **Courage to Battle: God the  
Father**

# Encouragement Is a Biblical Ministry

- **Godly encouragers from the past**
- **Encouragers needed today**
- **Human Magnets**
- **A Matter of Choice**
- **Becoming an Encourager**



# Godly Encouragers from the Past

- Direct commands (**1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 3:13**)
- Moses encouraged Joshua (**Deut. 3:27-28**)
- Hezekiah to discouraged (**2 Chron. 32:6-8**)
- Paul while in prison (**Colossians 2:1-2**)



# Godly Encouragers from the Past

- Deborah (Judges 4 & 5) her song
- Prophets like Elijah and Elisha
- The psalmists encouraged God's people
- The apostles encouraged disciples



# Encouragers Are Needed Today

- Evening news & media--despair
- Current search for meaning & happiness
- Hopelessness & discouragement seen in all spheres of life
- Negative attitudes about the ability to change
- Discouragement comes from all sources
- Even in our view of the kingdom of God



# Human Magnets

- **People need & desire encouragement**
- **Personal problems or celebrating**
- **They clearly bring out the best in others**
- **What makes them so attractive?**
  - **Listen so people feel understood**
  - **Patient, slow to judge**
  - **Take time for others so they feel valued**
  - **Rejoice in others' victories**





# A Matter of Choice

- **Ups & downs—gravitate toward encourager**
- **After each encounter = either encouraged or discouraged**
- **You can consciously choose your impact**
- **God has provided capacity of choice**
- **Provides power to make constructive changes**
- **Personal growth more likely to occur in a supportive atmosphere**



# Becoming an Encourager

- **Process of learning the skills**
- **Understanding the dynamics**
- **There will be 5 basic skills**
- **Incentive to action with motivational examples of encouragers at work**
- **Goal: achieve lasting personal transformation as an encourager**

