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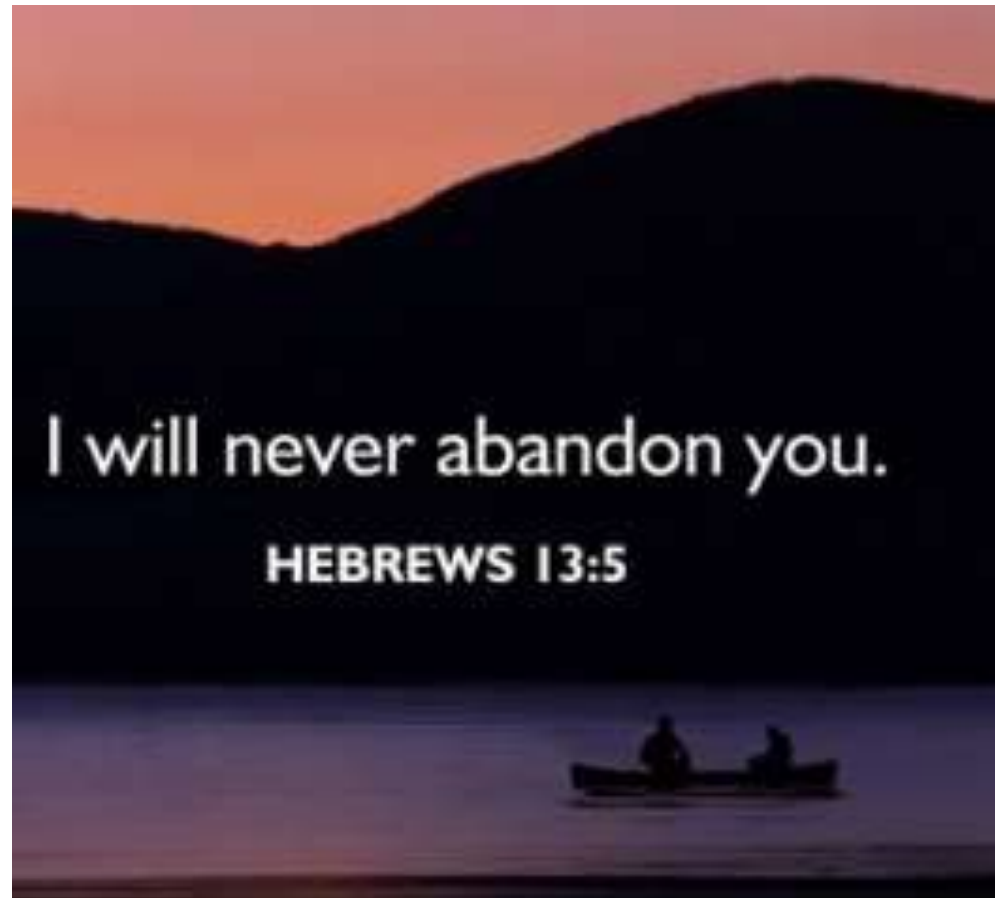
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**The Courage to Battle:
God the Father**

Wednesday evening
September 6, 2017

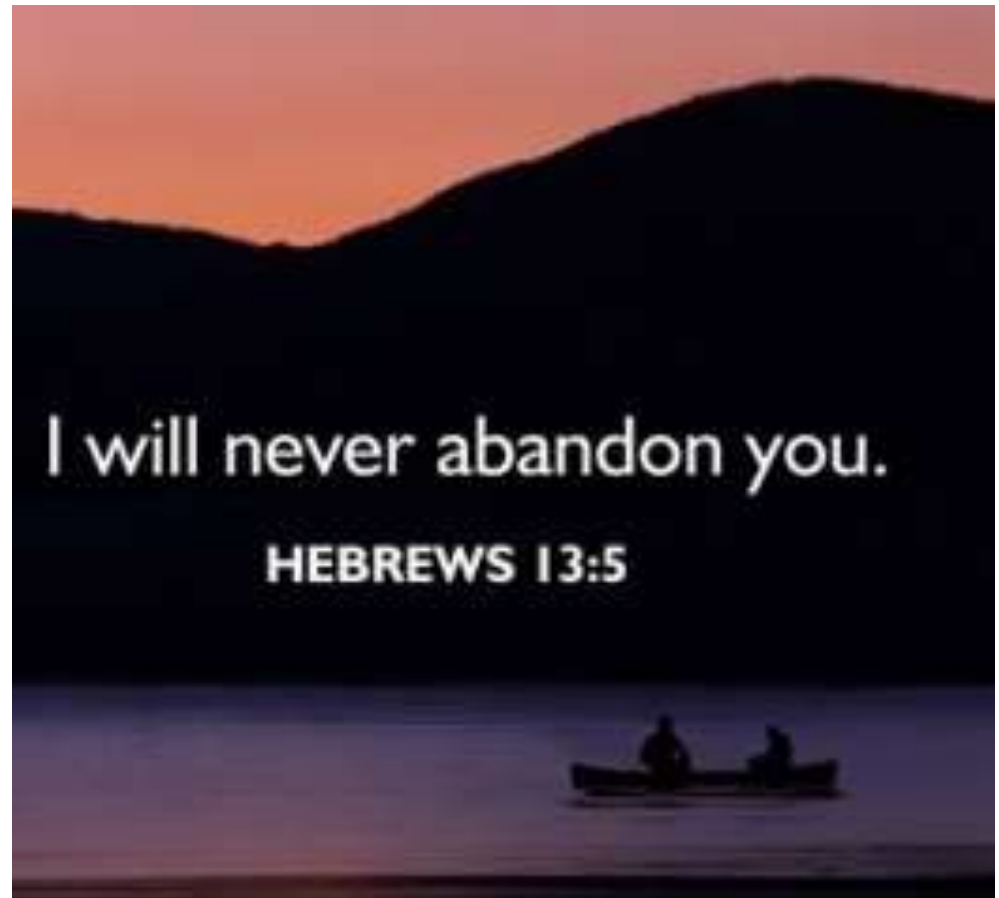
Introduction

- Final lesson in our studies on encouragement
- “Barnabas Factor”—we all have it!
- Attitude of Encourager—rooted in courage
- Anatomy—Mind, eyes, ears, lips, hands
- Activity—Nehemiah, Barnabas, Jesus, God



Question

What idea impressed you the most from this study?



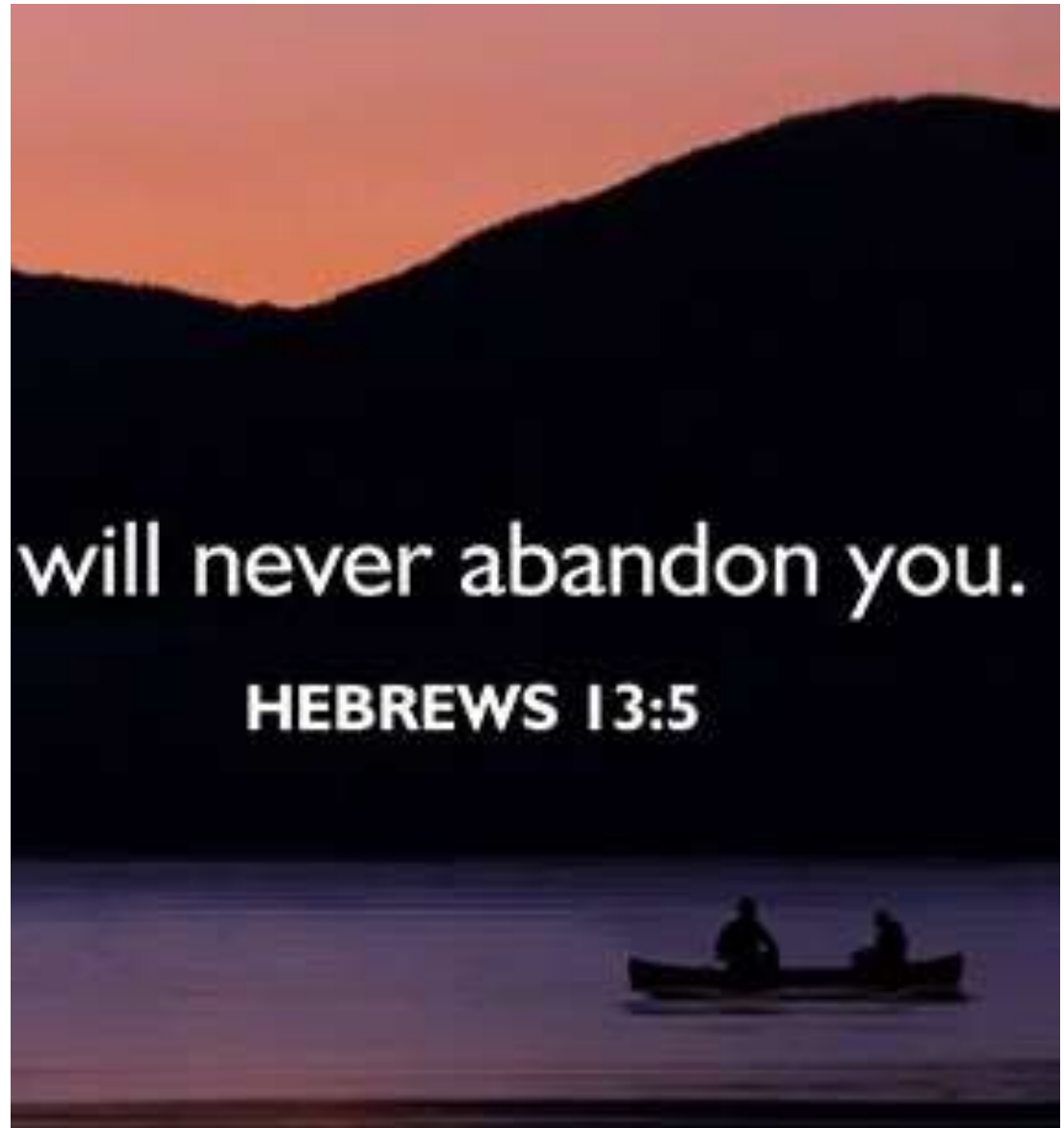
Introduction to tonight's lesson

- God encouraged Moses
- God encouraged Joshua
- God encourages Christians
- Encouragement in the assembly



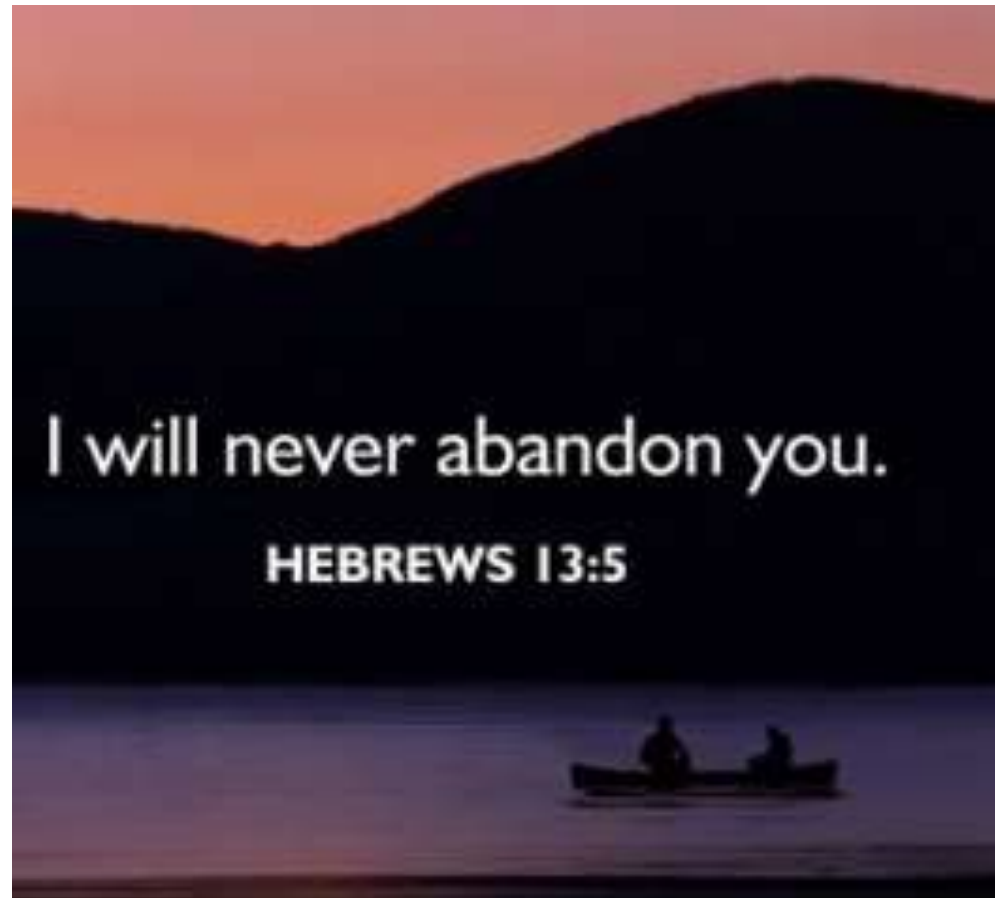
Preliminary Thoughts

- Existence of encouragement in the world argues for the existence of an uncaused, first cause of all encouragement.
- The source of man's courage is an encouraging God.
- God as the Great Encourager can always be counted on for encouragement when we are discouraged (Deut. 20:1-4)



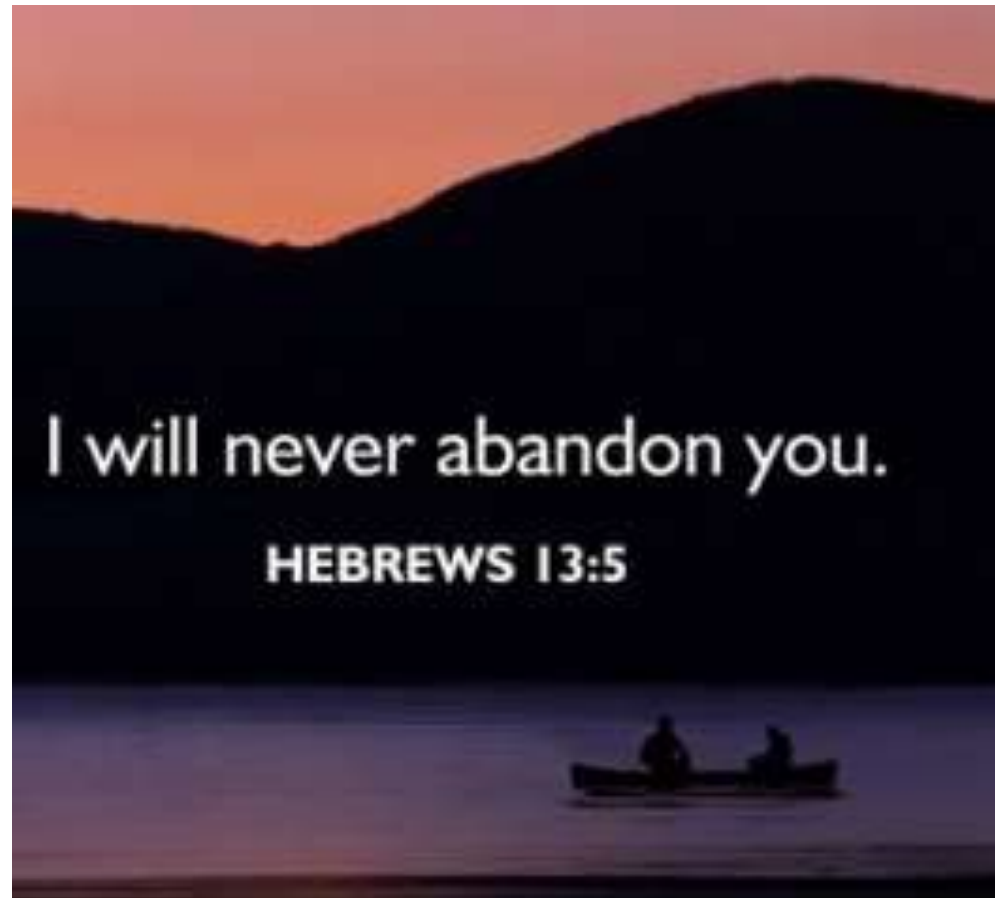
God encouraged Moses

- Exodus 13:17-22
- Encouragement helps people find their way and stay on track toward the fulfillment of their goals
- The greatest encouragement a person can give is just being there for others in their time of need
- Exodus 14:14—do not despair



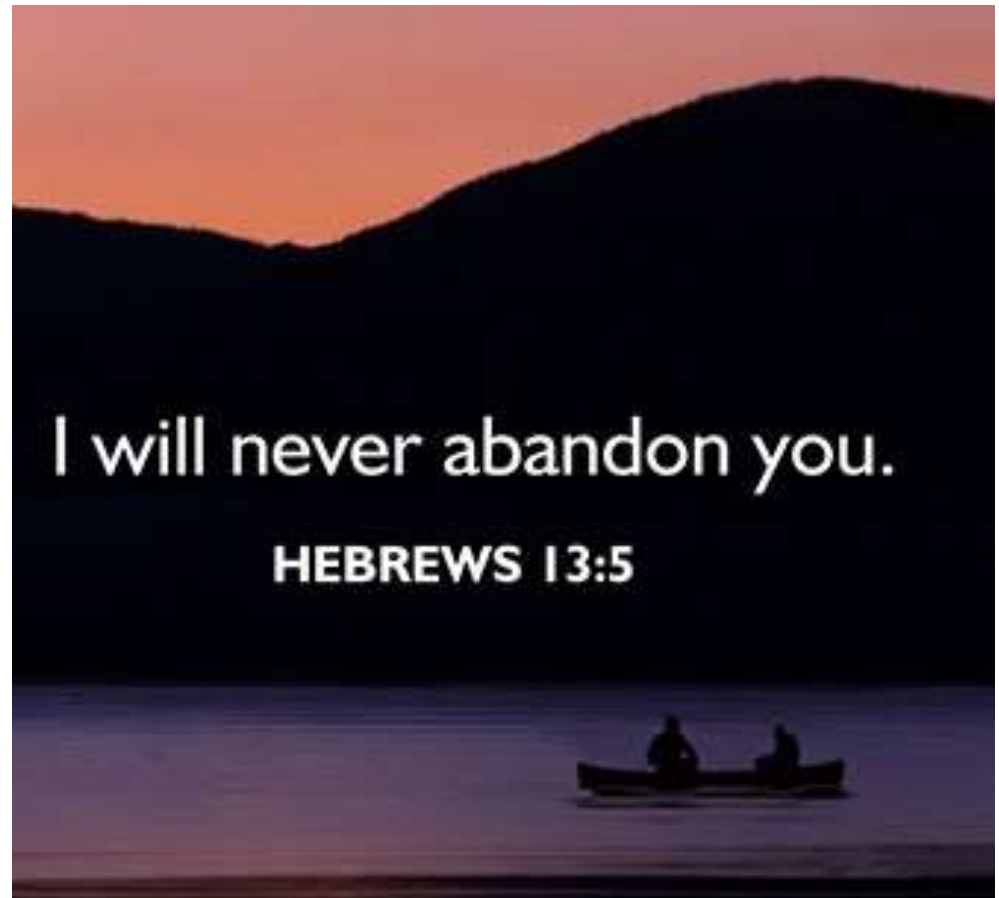
God encouraged Joshua

- Joshua 1:5-9
- Three times God exhorted Joshua to be strong and courageous
- Those who put their faith in God found strength to sustain them in fighting life's battles
- As for me and my house—Joshua 24:15



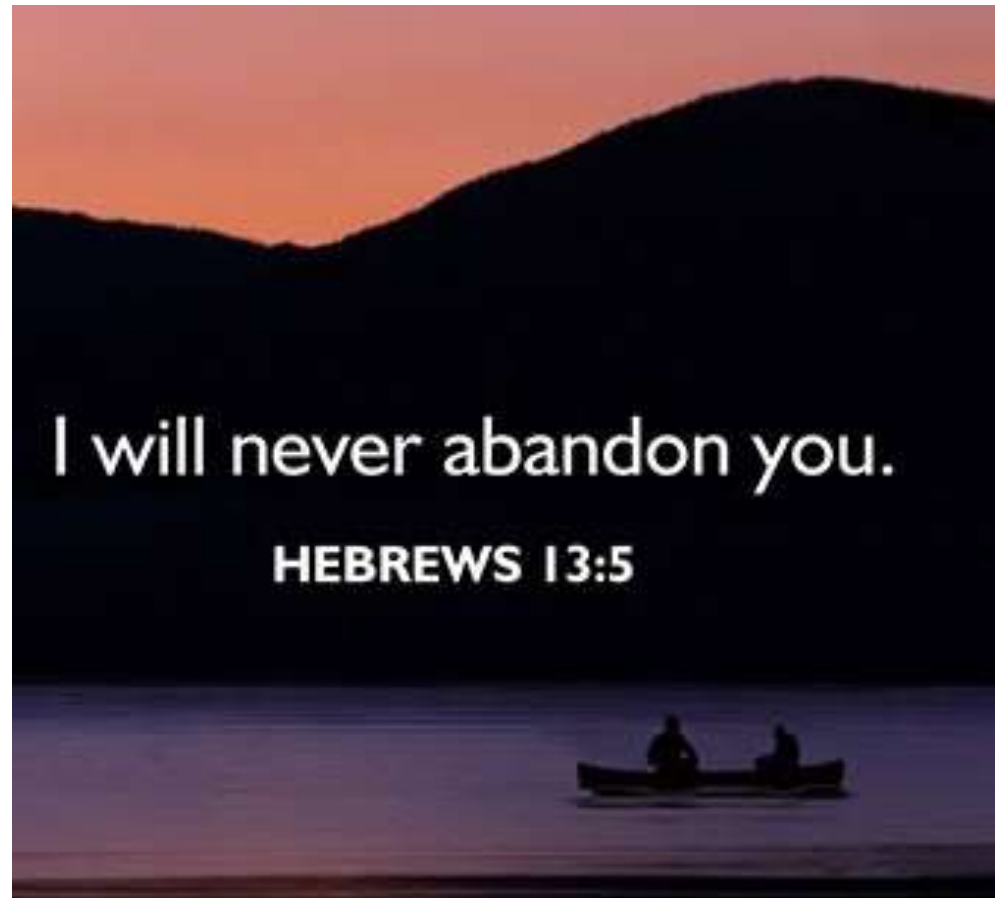
God encourages Christians

- Acts 4:36—Barnabas; we today
- Acts 9:31
- Romans 15:4, 5
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17



Encouragement in the assembly

- Acts 7:38—Old Testament background!
- Luke 24:33-35
- 1 Corinthians 5:4
- Build up, exhort, encourage, edify, strengthen, pray for one another, etc.



Conclusion

- God encouraged Moses
- God encouraged Joshua
- God encourages us today
- God encourages his assembled people
- End with the “Encourager’s Prayer”

