Be Encouraged

Four Ways To Keep Yourself Encouraged In Difficult Times

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• Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you.

• William Arthur Ward

• God Wants You To Stay Encouraged So That You Can Grow, Be Fruitful And Live A Victorious Christian Life.

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David's Strengths:

• Loved God
• Enjoyed Praise
• Strong Desire To Please The Lord
• Knew How To Pray & Praise
• Knew How To Get Things Done

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• “To encourage means to impart courage, as in a blood transfusion. When you encourage someone you give them a transfusion of courage.”
  David Jeremiah

• “One of the highest of human duties is the duty of encouragement.... We have a Christian duty to encourage one another. Many a time a word of praise or thanks or appreciation or cheer has kept a man on his feet. Blessed is the man who speaks such a word.”
  William Barclay – Letter to Hebrews

• READ: 1 Samuel 30:1-8

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• David Encouraged Himself -- By Looking To The Lord

• We Must Encourage Ourselves In The Lord

• We Need To Learn How To Look For The Goodness Of God In Everything

• (Psa 27:13 NIV) I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Be Encouraged
• David Did Everything He Could --
  To Encourage Himself

• When Others Won't Encourage You,
  Encourage Yourself In The Lord!

Be Encouraged
• Think Right Thoughts In Your Mind
• Get Into The Word And Meditate On It
• Stay There Until You Have A Word
• Pray In The Spirit

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• David Was Encouraged -- By Being Open To Others

• God Even Used The Enemy’s Own Servant To Help David

• God Has People That On His "Spiritual Radar Screen." That We May Or May Not Know About -- That He Wants To Use To Encourage Us

Be Encouraged
• Be Open To Receive From People That You Do Not Know

• Be Friendly And Kind To People [Because You Don't Know Why They've Crossed Your Path]

• Ask People To Pray For You

• Be Open To Others That God May Use To Minister Encouragement To You

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• David Was Encouraged -- By Staying On The Move

• (1 Sam 30:10 NIV) for two hundred men were too exhausted to cross the ravine. But David and four hundred men continued the pursuit.

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The Enemy Wants To Stop You From:

• Moving Forward
• Praying
• Reading The Word
• Fellowshipping
• Going To Church

Be Encouraged
• Stop Sitting Around
• Get Busy For The Lord's Sake
• Consecrate Yourself In Prayer & Fasting
• Seek Out Strong Christians & Godly Counsel
• Encourage Yourself In The Lord

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• Arise In The Name Of Jesus

• Renounce A Spirit Of Discouragement

• Put On A Garment Of Praise For The Spirit Of Heaviness

• Encourage Yourself In The Lord
• **God Is Able** To Do Exceeding Abundantly Above All That We Could Ask Or Think!

• **He Is The God Of All Power**

• **There Is Nothing Too Difficult** For Him!

• **Encourage Yourself**

• **Start Now!**

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