



HOW does God communicate with us? We've learned that **Creation** tells us about God's "eternal power" and the **Bible** reveals God's will, but God also provides us **examples** to **follow**. What a blessing to have people in our lives who are serving God and want to help us along the way! Can you find **1 Thessalonians** in your Bible? Notice...

Therefore encourage _____ another with these words. (1 Thes 4:18)

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (1 Thes 5:11)

1 Thessalonians 5:12-15 is a great example of how God helps us grow through the blessing of our church family.



We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and _____ you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the _____, encourage the fainthearted, help the _____, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

How does God communicate with us? Through the **examples** of "older men" and "older women" who show us by their lives **what it looks like** to believe and live by "sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1-8).

Just look at all the "**one another**" phrases that **FILL** the pages of the New Testament!

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| 👤 Love | 👤 Serve | 👤 Build up |
| 👤 Live in harmony with | 👤 Bear with | 👤 Exhort |
| 👤 Welcome | 👤 Be kind to | 👤 Stir up |
| 👤 Instruct | 👤 Submit to | 👤 Pray for |
| 👤 Greet | 👤 Admonish | 👤 Show hospitality to |
| 👤 Comfort | 👤 Encourage | |

Thank God for our church family!

FOUNDATION STONES

What do **YOU** think? What does it mean to “**encourage**” someone?



Can you think of an example of someone who has been a **BIG** encouragement to **YOU**? What did they do that was so encouraging?

What about **YOU**? How can **YOU** be an encouragement to someone else? Any ideas?

Our church family is blessed with seven shepherds. Do you remember **1 Thessalonians 5:12-13**?

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work.

Do you know the names of our seven shepherds?

