



**"Barnabas's Story: The Power Of
Encouragement"**

Acts 11:19-30

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Background To The Story

Traits Of A Child Of Encouragement

I. An encourager finds where God is _____ and calls attention to it.
"When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad..."

1. What negative things were going on that Barnabas could have focused on?

2. What are some lessons here?

II. An encourager can point the way out of _____.
"...and he exhorted them to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose..."

1. How do we know that Barnabas isn't blinded by his optimism?

2. How do we show the encouragement of exhortation?

III. An encourager is full of _____.
"...for he was a good man..."

1. Why does encouragement require this?

2. How can a person grow in this?

IV. An encourager seeks to be full of _____

“...full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.”

1. What advantage does a Christian have over a non-Christian when it comes to growing in goodness?

2. Christianity at its heart is not about rules but what? And why is this better?

Write down a couple ways you're going to work on being a child of encouragement this week: