



The Ministry of **Encouragement**

Topical Message on Encouragement

1Thessalonians 5:11

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A silhouette photograph of two people climbing a steep, rocky mountain. One person is in the foreground, reaching up to help the other person climb higher. The background shows a clear blue sky with some clouds and the dark silhouette of distant mountains.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (NIV)

A silhouette photograph of two people climbing a steep mountain. One person is reaching out to help the other climb up a rocky section. The background shows a vast, cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise, with warm orange and yellow hues near the horizon.

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What Is Encouragement?



**A. To Encourage Means
Come Beside of and Call out to**

B. “Encourage” Is Translated:

- Comfort**
- Helper**
- Advocate**
- Counselor**
- Adviser**
- Appeal**
- Invite**



Truths About Encouragement



1. The Necessity of Encouragement

A. Fact: Everyone Needs Encouragement.

2 Corinthians 7:13 By all this we are encouraged. In addition to our own encouragement, we were especially delighted to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you.-- (NIV)

B. At Certain Times We Need An **Extra** Touch.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.-- (NIV)

Timid + **Small** + **Soul**.

2. The Holy Spirit Is The Great Encourager.

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **advocate** to help you and be with you forever--- (NIV)

John 14:26 But the **Advocate**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.-- (NIV)

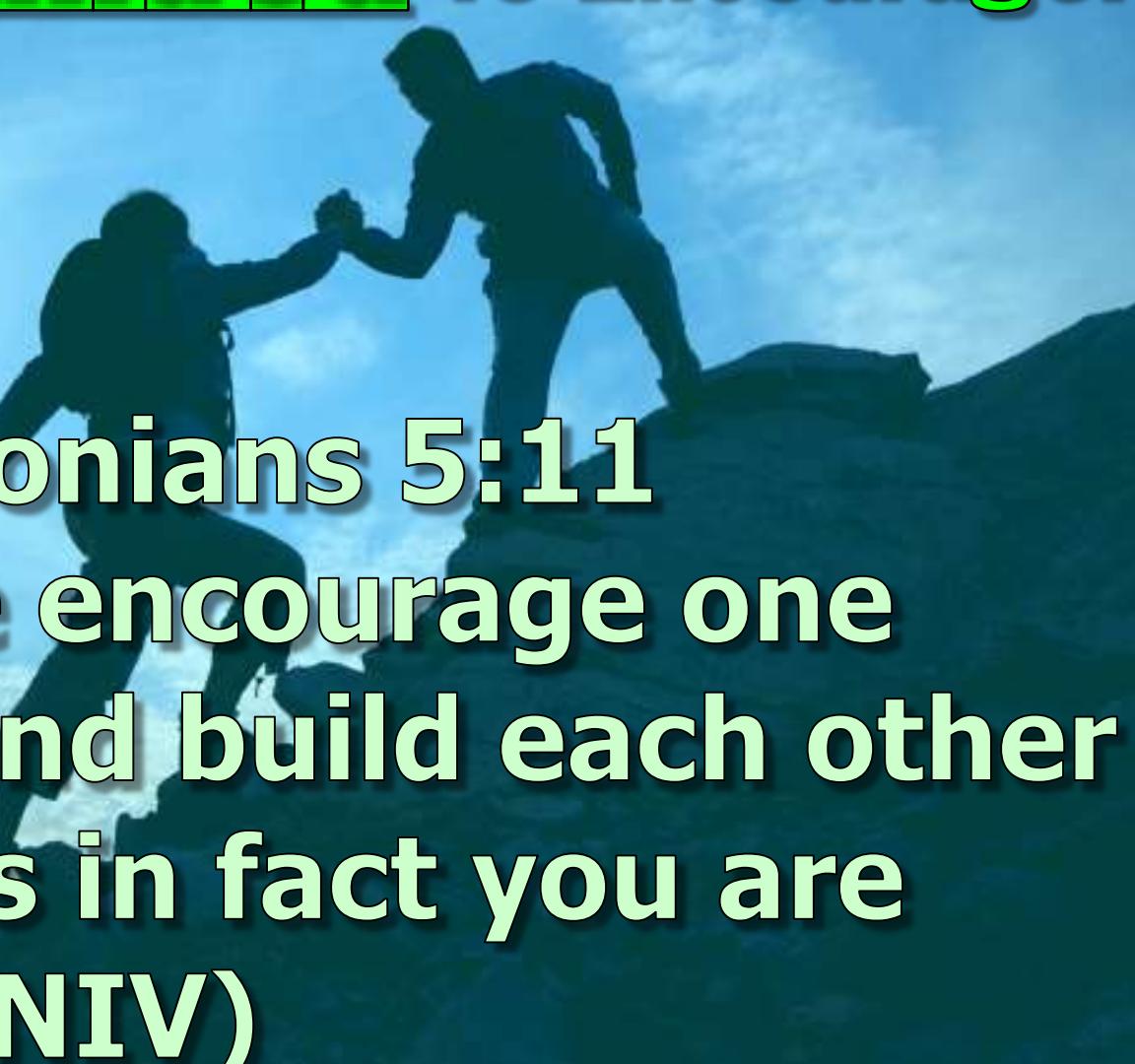
3. Seek The Spiritual Gift of Encouragement.

1 Corinthians 14:11
**Pursue love, and
earnestly desire the
spiritual gifts, -- (ESV)**

Romans 12:6-8

**⁶ We have different gifts,
according to the grace
given us. If a man's gift
is prophesying; . . . ⁸ if it
is encouraging, let him
encourage;-- (NIV)**

4. Every Christian Is Commanded To Encourage.

A silhouette of two people climbing a steep mountain. One person is at the bottom, reaching up towards the other who is further up the slope. They appear to be holding hands or one person is assisting the other. The background shows a clear blue sky with some wispy clouds.

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5. Encouragement Is The Heart of Preaching.

1 Corinthians 14:3 But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.-- (NIV)

Areas Of Encouragement

1. Encourage Others To Worship.

Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.-- (NIV)

2. Encourage Others To Live For God.

1 Thessalonians 2:11–12 11 For you know that we dealt with each of you . . . 12 encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.-- (NIV)

3. Encourage Others To Live in Holiness.

**Titus 2:6 Similarly,
encourage the young
men to be self-
controlled.-- (NIV)**

4. Encourage Others To Remain True

Acts 14:21–22²¹ They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch,²² strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said. (NIV)

A silhouette photograph of two people climbing a steep, rocky mountain. One person is reaching up to help the other climb. The background is a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

How To Receive Encouragement

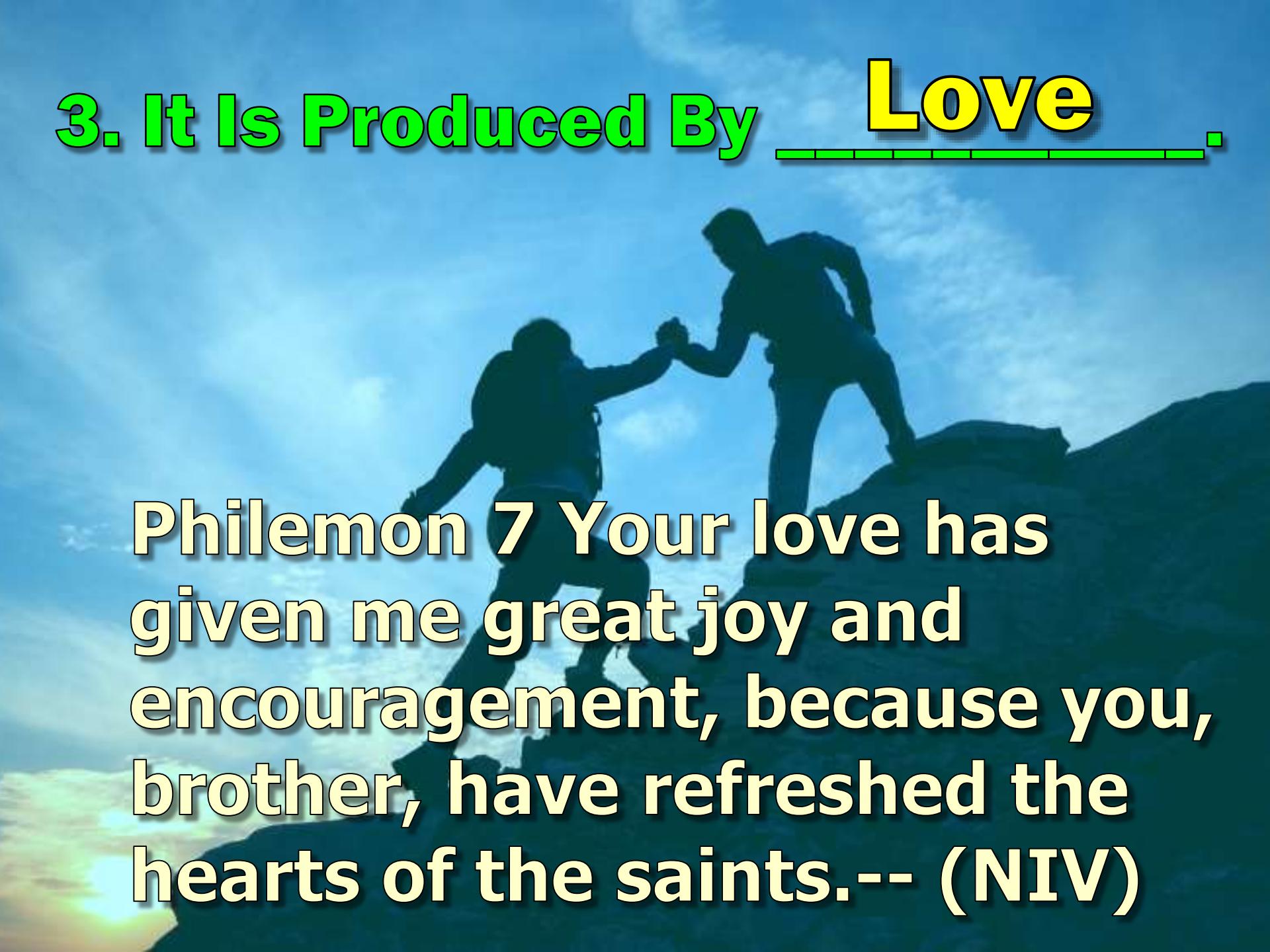
1. All Encouragement Comes From God.

2 Corinthians 1:3–5 ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. ⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.-- (NIV)

2. It Is Received Through Scripture.

Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.-- (NIV)

3. It Is Produced By Love.

A silhouette of two people, one smaller figure in front and a larger one behind, both reaching upwards towards a bright light source, possibly the sun, against a blue sky with clouds.

Philemon 7 Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints.-- (NIV)



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