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# BARNABAS

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## BARNABAS' INTRODUCTION

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“Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.”

Acts 4:36,37

Discuss the significance of the nickname given to Joseph by the apostles. How did he feel being noticed by the leaders of the church?

What was so special about Barnabas’ actions in Acts 4? Contrast with what happens in the next chapter!

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## BARNABAS' 1<sup>ST</sup> JOB

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In Acts 9:26-28, we see his first opportunity for ministry. What did he do? Why was it so important to a new believer? The Church? The world? You? (Yes! You!)

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# SON OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Lessons from a really nice guy in the Bible!

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## ACTS 13,14

Discuss the impact Barnabas and Paul had on the places they visited. How did they use their unique gifts to work well together?

## ACTS 15:36-41

What caused Barnabas and Paul to go in separate directions? How did God use this event to accelerate the spread of the gospel?

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## BARNABAS' IMPACT ON JOHN MARK

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### 2 TIMOTHY 4:11 AND MARK'S GOSPEL

We know John Mark goes on to write the first gospel. And Paul seems to have reconciled with him by his statement in 2 Tim 4.

Do you suppose the son of encouragement had anything to do with Mark's ministry? What impact could this have had on the crusty old Pharisee, Paul?

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## APPLICATION AND ACTION STEPS

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How do the three words at the upper left apply to Barnabas? How might you apply them to your life and ministry? Especially how you relate to those who don't know Christ!

How do you see this study helping you in your role with Eagle Lake?