

VERSES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Corinthians 1:18 ESV - For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 12:1-31 ESV - Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ...

1 Corinthians 14:1-40 ESV - Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. ...

1 Corinthians 15:36-40 ESV - You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another.

1 Corinthians 2:1-16 ESV - And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ...

1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. "Selah"

1 John 2:17 ESV - And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 3:2 ESV - Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

1 Peter 2:24 ESV - He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:3 ESV - If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

1 Peter 4:12-13 ESV - Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

1 Peter 4:8-10 ESV - Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

1 Peter 5:6 ESV - Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

1 Peter 5:7 - Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ESV - But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ...

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1 Thessalonians 5:14 ESV - And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 ESV - For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Timothy 4:12 ESV - Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

2 Corinthians - 11:27-28 - 'I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure upon me of concern for all the churches.' -

2 Corinthians 4:16 - "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day."

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2 Corinthians 5:1-15 ESV - For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ...

2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 ESV - Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

2 Timothy 1:7 - "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV - All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work

2 Timothy 4:2 ESV - Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Acts 15:32 ESV - And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words.

Acts 2:1-47 ESV - When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ...

Acts 4:12 ESV - And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:22 ESV - For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

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| Colossians 2:2 ESV - That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, |
| Colossians 3:16 ESV - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. |
| Daniel 5:20 ESV - But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him. |
| Deuteronomy 31:8 - "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." |
| Deuteronomy 6:6-7 ESV - And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. |
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| Ecclesiastes 1:1-18 ESV - The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. ... |
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| Ecclesiastes 3:1-3 ESV - For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; |
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| Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 ESV - Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken. |
| Ephesians 1:1-23 ESV - Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ... |
| Ephesians 4:12 ESV - To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, |
| Ephesians 4:1-2 ESV - I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, |
| Ephesians 4:29 ESV - Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. |
| Ephesians 5:1-33 ESV - Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ... |

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| Ephesians 5:18-19 ESV - And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, |
| Ephesians 6:4 ESV - Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. |
| Galatians 6:2 ESV - Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. |
| Galatians 6:9 ESV - And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. |
| Hebrews 10:19-25 ESV - Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ... |
| Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV - Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. |
| Hebrews 13:1 ESV - Let brotherly love continue. |
| Hebrews 13:2 ESV - Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. |
| Hebrews 13:3 ESV - Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. |
| Hebrews 13:5 ESV - Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." |
| Hebrews 3:13 ESV - But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. |
| Hebrews 4:12 ESV - For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. |
| Hebrews 6:18 ESV - So that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. |
| Isaiah 1:17 ESV - Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. |
| Isaiah 26:3 - You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. |
| Isaiah 41:10 ESV - Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. |
| Isaiah 43:18-19 ESV - "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. |
| Jeremiah 29:11-14 ESV - For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile. |
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| Jeremiah 33:3 ESV - Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. |
| John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. |

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| John 15:13 ESV - Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. |
| John 16:33 ESV - I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." |
| John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. |
| John 3:16-17 ESV - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. |
| John 8:31 ESV - So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, |
| Joshua 1:9 ESV - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." |
| Luke 2:40 ESV - And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. |
| Mark 11:24 ESV - Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. |
| Matthew 19:26 - "But Jesus looked at them and said to them, 'With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'" |
| Matthew 7:1-29 ESV - "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. ... |
| Nehemiah 8:10 ESV - Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." |
| Philippians 1:6 ESV - And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. |
| Philippians 2:1 ESV - So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, |
| Philippians 2:3 ESV - Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. |
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| Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. |
| Philippians 4:13 ESV - I can do all things through him who strengthens me. |
| Philippians 4:6-7 - "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." |
| Philippians 4:8 ESV - Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. |
| Proverbs 10:11 ESV - The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence. |
| Proverbs 11:25 ESV - Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. |
| Proverbs 12:25 ESV - Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad. |
| Proverbs 18:10 - The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. |
| Proverbs 25:11 ESV - A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. |
| Proverbs 27:17 ESV - Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. |
| Proverbs 30:5 ESV - Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. |

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| Psalm 118:14-16 - The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. 15 Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things! 16 The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!" |
| Psalm 119:114-115 - You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word. 115 Away from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commands of my God! |
| Psalm 119:25 - I am laid low in the dust; preserve my life according to your word. |
| Psalm 119:50 - My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life. |
| Psalm 119:71 - It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees. |
| Psalm 120:11 - I call on the LORD in my distress, and he answers me. |
| Psalm 121:1-8 ESV - A Song of Ascents. I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. ... |
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| Psalm 126:5 ESV - Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! |
| Psalm 133:1 ESV - A Song of Ascents. Of David. Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! |
| Psalm 138:3 - "In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul." |
| Psalm 16:8 - "I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken." |
| Psalm 19:14 ESV - Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. |
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| Psalm 27:1 "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" |
| Psalm 28:7 ESV - The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. |
| Psalm 32:7-8 - "You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance." |
| Psalm 34:17 ESV - "When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles." |
| Psalm 34:4 ESV - I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. |
| Psalm 37:39 ESV - "But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their strength in time of trouble." |
| Psalm 37:4 ESV - Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. |
| Psalm 46:1-3 - God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. |
| Psalm 55:22 ESV - Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. |
| Psalm 56:3-4 - "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in Thee. In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can [mere] man do to me?" |
| Revelation 1:1-20 - The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are |

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before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ...

Revelation 1:17 ESV - When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,

Romans 1:11 ESV - For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you

Romans 12:1 ESV - I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:2 ESV - Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 15:13 ESV - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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Romans 15:5 ESV - May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,

Romans 8:28 ESV - And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:6 - "So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace."

Titus 1:9 ESV - He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

Zephaniah 3:17 ESV - The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.