

**INTERACTIVE TEACHING/LEARNING GUIDE**  
**Week 12**

**SESSION TITLE: "ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER"**

**FOCAL PASSAGE: (1Thes. 5:11; Heb. 10:25)**

Central Teaching/Learning Aim: To help the learner commit to being an encourager lifting up others in their life and in their SGM.

I. Creating Interest in the Series (Hook)

**A. Share - the following story:**

An old man, he looked to be in his eighties, shock of white hair. He came over to the table and said, "Good evening." He must be the proprietor, I thought to myself. "Good evening," I replied. "You on vacation?" he asked. "Yes," I replied. "Enjoying yourself?" he continued. "Yes," I said as I chuckled. "Where are you from?" he pursued. Now that was none of his business, but to be polite I replied, "Oklahoma." "Oklahoma!" he repeated. "I've never been to Oklahoma." I'm thinking, let's keep it that way. I mean we're on vacation, right? And he's an intruder. "What do you do?" he asked. "Well, I teach in a seminary." "Oh, you teach preachers! I've got a story about a preacher," and the man pulled out a chair. Sure sit at our table while you tell it, I thought. Everybody's got a story about a preacher. Most of them came out of Noah's Ark on crutches. You wait 'til they are over, grin, and go on, that's it He said, "I was born back here in these mountains. My mother was not married. And the reproach that fell upon her, fell upon me. The children at school had a name for me and it hurt, and it hurt very much. During recess I would go hide in the weeds until the bell rang. At lunchtime I took my lunch and went behind a tree to avoid them. When I went to town with my mother, when the men and women would stare at her and then at me and they'd look at me, I knew they were trying to guess who I was. A painful time. About seventh or eighth grade," he said. "I guess I was in the seventh or eighth grade and I started to go hear a preacher. He frightened me in a way and he attracted me in a way. He wore a claw-hammer tailcoat, stripped trousers, and had a face that looked like it had been quarried out of the mountain.

He thundered, "I was afraid people would say, 'What's a boy like you doing in church?' So I just went in time for the sermon and then I'd rush out."

He said, "One Sunday, however, some women had cued up in the aisle and I couldn't get out and I began to sweat and get cold and sweaty and wondered, Oh, oh, somebody's going to speak to me, 'What's a boy like you doing in church?' And I felt a hand on my shoulder. I looked out of the corner of my eye and saw that beard and saw that face. 'Oh, boy!'" he said. "That minister stared at me and looked at me and stared at me, and I thought, 'Oh, no. Oh, no. He's gonna guess.'" He said, 'Well boy, you're a child of ah . . . You're a child of ah . . . Ah, wait.' And the preacher said, 'You're a child of God. I see a strikin' resemblance!' He swatted me on the bottom and said, 'Go claim your inheritance, boy!'

Fred Craddock said I looked at the old man seated at our table and I said, "What's name?" He said, "Ben Hooper." Ben Hooper, Ben, Ben Hooper! My father had told me about the time when for two terms the people of Tennessee had elected an illegitimate governor named Ben Hooper."

*---Attributed to Ray Owens, Methodist Churches, Wellington & Stockland, Illinois*

**State – The power of encouraging words can change a person's life.**

**Next share – the following story:**

In an earlier grade, I'd taped Mark's mouth shut for talking too much in class. Now he was one of my students in junior high math.

His class had worked hard all week. By Friday the students were getting cranky. So, for a break, I asked them to write the nicest thing they could about each other student and hand it in. I compiled the results for each student and, on Monday, gave out the lists.

Several years later, Mark was killed in Vietnam. After the funeral, most of his former classmates gathered

with Mark's parents and me for lunch. Mark's father took a wallet out of his pocket. "They found this on Mark when he was killed," he said. He carefully removed a folded, refolded, and taped paper—the one on which I'd listed the good things Mark's classmates had said about him.

Charlie smiled sheepishly and said, "I keep my list in my desk drawer."

Chuck's wife said, "Chuck put his in our wedding album."

"I have mine, too," Marilyn said, "in my diary."

Vicky reached into her pocketbook and brought out her frazzled list.

---Citation: John Trent, *Choosing to Live the Blessing* (Waterbrook, 1997); quoted in *Men of Integrity*, vol. 4, no. 3

**State** – Today we are going to discuss how an SGM should be a haven of encouragement.

## B. Optional Method -- Share – Video clip

Show a clip from BluefishTV.com called "Bad Date".

### **Synopsis:**

The clip is a parody of the TV show "Blind Date." In the clip the man says all of the wrong things. He is cutting and discouraging. He is an extreme example of how not to treat others.

**State** – Negative words can be devastating, whereas positive words can be extremely encouraging and motivating.

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## C. Optional Method – Movie Clip - "Waking Ned Devine"

Start: 1:17:00

Stop: 1:18:30

### **Synopsis:**

Ned Devine dies before collecting the jackpot from his winning ticket and the village pretends Ned's still alive so they can collect and split the prize. At Ned's funeral, Jackie referred to the deceased as "Michael", the name of Jackie's best friend (otherwise the lottery officials will know Ned is dead). This act although irreverent becomes deeply sentimental because Jackie shares only words of love and appreciation toward Michael who sits before him.

**State** – This scene brings a sad truth to light – many times people don't tell people how much they mean until it's too late. We need to express our love and encouragement to people while it can make a difference.

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## BOOK ..... Getting Into the Word

### A. Utilize - the Discussion Guide to examine the scripture.

## LOOK ..... Getting the Word into Life

A. **Distribute** the group assignments and have members discuss them.

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### TOOK ..... Conclusion

#### IV. Conclusion (Took)

##### A. Share – The following true story:

You may want to show the clip of Jake's touchdown at:  
([www.herald-dispatch.com/jakeporter/jakeporter.htm](http://www.herald-dispatch.com/jakeporter/jakeporter.htm))

Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly called it the "Play of the Year." A local newspaper called it "the touchdown heard around the world." Sports shows everywhere told the story.

Jake Porter, 17, a member of the Northwest High football team in McDermott, Ohio, was born with chromosomal fragile X syndrome, a common cause of mental retardation. He couldn't read. He could barely write his name. But he loved football, and he faithfully attended every practice.

Northwest coach Dave Frantz wanted to do something special for Jake. So before a game against Waverly High in the fall of 2002, Frantz called his friend Derek Dewitt, the head coach at Waverly. Frantz suggested that both teams allow Jake to run one play at the end of the game, assuming the game wasn't on the line. Jake would get the ball and take a knee, and the game would end.

So, with Waverly leading 42-0 and five seconds left in the game, Frantz called a timeout. Jake trotted out to the huddle, and the two coaches met at midfield. Sports Illustrated's Reilly picks up the story:

Fans could see there was a disagreement. Dewitt was shaking his head and waving his arms.

After a ref stepped in, play resumed and Jake got the ball. He started to genuflect, as he'd practiced all week. Teammates stopped him and told him to run, but Jake started going in the wrong direction. The back judge rerouted him toward the line of scrimmage.

Suddenly, the Waverly defense parted like peasants for the king and urged him to go on his grinning sprint to the end zone. Imagine having 21 teammates on the field. In the stands mothers cried and fathers roared. Players on both sidelines held their helmets to the sky and whooped.

Apparently when the coaches met before the big play, Frantz had reminded Dewitt of the plan, that Jake would simply take a knee. But Dewitt wasn't satisfied. He said, "No, I want him to score." Frantz objected, but Dewitt insisted.

Dewitt called his defense over and said, "They're going to give the ball to number 45. Do not touch him! Open up a hole and let him score! Understand?"

Jake had the run of his life, scoring the touchdown heard round the world, on the Play of the Year. All because of Dewitt's unselfish decision: "I want him to score."

Like coach Dewitt, God has high purposes for each of us. God wants us not just to get the ball and touch a knee to the ground. He wants us to score a touchdown.

---*Sports Illustrated* (11-18-02)

**State** – Jake Porter will never forget this experience of encouragement. We should be this encouraging in an SGM, encouraging each other to stay true in the faith.

## B. Optional Method

Take time for members to day encouraging words to one another. You could place members into small groups and have them share encouragement. You could also have members write encouraging words for one another and exchange them to be read later.

## C. Optional Method – Share the following story:

One Sunday at my church, the choir had finished singing the anthem and the pastor was rising to deliver the message. It was a moment of holy expectation.

Suddenly, a teenage girl, third from the left on the front row of the choir, rose and stepped out across her fellow choir members and around the piano. Clad in maroon robe and gold stole, she made her way down the steps and toward the side aisle.

I thought, if she is going to leave, she should go out the back.

But she was not leaving. She made her way to the fourth row of pews, sat down next to her friend and gently placed her arm around her.

Then I knew. Twelve hours earlier her friend had lost her grandmother, who had been suffering from an illness. Her friend came to church to restore her strength through worship. Arriving late, she found an open pew to herself.

As Leslie sat next to Bethany and gently hugged her, those in the congregation smiled and shed small tears of joy, of love for the friend who showed Christ's love through a simple act of companionship. She risked causing a distraction to minister to a friend.

Such are the small acts of kindness and love that are the fabric of a congregation.

The pastor delivered a strong message that day. So did Leslie.

*--Citation: Dave Travis; coordinator, Church Champions Network; Conyers, Georgia*

**State** – Small acts of encouragement can mean a great deal. Let's be more sensitive to the needs of others in our SGM. Let's be more positive.

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**  
**(Teacher's Copy)**

1. Why did Paul tell the Thessalonians that they should be in the business of encouraging one another?  
(1 Thess. 5:6-11)

**In order to be prepared for the coming of the Lord and to stay effective as Christians.**

2. What are the purposes of encouraging one another found in (Heb. 10:24-25)?

- a. In order to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.**
- b. To help keep each other faithful in church attendance.**
- c. To help each other be prepared for the day of the Lord.**

3. Who is the ultimate encourager in the life of a Christian? (John 16:7)

**The "Helper". The Holy Spirit is our greatest encourager.**

4. How can "living in the Spirit" help you stay encouraged no matter what life brings?

5. Barnabas was known as the "Son of Encouragement".  
Read the following passages to identify how he encouraged.

- a. (Acts 4:32-37) He gave his possessions to encourage others.**
- b. (Acts 9:26-28) He encouraged Saul and stood by him when others doubted.**
- c. (Acts 11:22-26) He encouraged new believers.**

6. What are situations in your life where you could incorporate these characteristics to encourage others?

7. Read the following passages to identify ways that you can be an encouragement to others.

- a. (Phil. 1:4-7) Praying for the spiritual growth of others.**
- b. (1 Thess. 2:11-12) Encouraging one another in accountability.**
- c. (2 Cor. 7:6-7) We are to comfort and encourage other believers.**
- d. (1 Tim. 5:1) Christians should mentor younger Christians.**

8. How does encouragement happen in the following areas of your life?

- a. Your family**
- b. With your spouse**
- c. In your SGM**
- d. In your area of ministry**

**Group 1 Read the following story and discuss the questions that follow.**

Robert Schuller tells a story about a banker who always tossed a coin in the cup of a legless beggar who sat on the street outside the bank. But, unlike most people, the banker would always insist on getting one of the pencils the man had beside him. "You are a merchant," the banker would say, "and I always expect to receive good value from merchants I do business with."

One day the legless man was not on the sidewalk. Time passed and the banker forgot about him, until he walked into a public building and there in the concessions stand sat the former beggar. He was obviously the owner of his own small business now.

"I have always hoped you might come by someday," the man said. "You are largely responsible for me being here. You kept telling me that I was a 'merchant.' I started thinking of myself that way, instead of a beggar receiving gifts. I started selling pencils---lots of them. You gave me self-respect, caused me to look at myself differently."

Name a time when someone really encouraged you.

What is your best method of encouragement toward your best friend, spouse or child? Share examples.

How can your SGM be a haven of encouragement?

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**Group 2 Read the following story and discuss the questions that follow.**

"You Are a Lousy Football Player"  
---from See You At The Top, by Zig Ziglar

During a practice session for the Green Bay Packers, things were not going well for Vince Lombardi's team. Lombardi singled out one big guard for his failure to "put out." It was a hot, muggy day when the coach called his guard aside and leveled his awesome vocal guns on him, as only Lombardi could. "Son, you are a lousy football player. You're not blocking, you're not tackling, you're not putting out. As a matter of fact, it's all over for you today, go take a shower."

The big guard dropped his head and walked into the dressing room. Forty-five minutes later, when Lombardi walked in, he saw the big guard sitting in front of his locker still wearing his uniform. His head was bowed and he was sobbing quietly.

Vince Lombardi, ever the changeable but always the compassionate warrior, did something of an about face that was also typical of him. He walked over to his football player and put his arms around his shoulder. "Son," he said, "I told you the truth. You are a lousy football player. You're not blocking, you're not tackling, you're not putting out. However, in all fairness to you, I should have finished the story. Inside of you, son, there is a great football player and I'm going to stick by your side until the great football player inside of you has a chance to come out and assert himself."

With these words, Jerry Kramer straightened up and felt a great deal better. As a matter of fact, he felt so much better he went on to become one of the all-time greats in football and was recently voted the all-time guard in the first 50 years of professional football.

That was Lombardi. He saw things in men that they seldom saw in themselves. He had the ability to inspire his men to use the talent they had. As a result, these players gave Lombardi three consecutive world championships at Green Bay. Later, when he moved to Washington, many people wondered how he would handle Sonny Jurgensen, the talented but undisciplined quarterback. They didn't wonder very long. On the first day of practice one of the reporters baited him with a question about Jurgensen. Lombardi called Sonny to his side, put his arm around him and said, "Gentlemen, this is the greatest quarterback to ever step on a football field."

Is it any wonder that Jurgensen had his best year ever? Lombardi saw the good in others, treated them like he saw them and helped develop the “good” that was inside of them.

How can we focus on the good in others and not the bad?

Share examples of times in your lives that someone greatly encouraged you.

What is your best method of encouragement toward your best friend, spouse, or child? Share examples.

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**Group 3 Read the following quotes and discuss the questions that follow.**

Mr. Charles Schwab was one of the first men ever to earn a million dollars a year. Why did Andrew Carnegie pay Schwab more than \$3,000 a day? Because he knew more about the manufacture of steel than other people? No. Schwab said that he had many men working for him whose technical knowledge surpassed his.

Schwab was paid such a handsome amount largely because of his ability to deal with people. Here is the secret set down in his own words:

“I consider my ability to arouse enthusiasm among the men the greatest asset I possess, and the way to develop the best that is in a man is by appreciation and encouragement. There is nothing else that so kills the ambitions of man as criticisms from his superiors. I never criticize anyone. I believe in giving a man incentive to work. So I am anxious to praise but loath to find fault. If I like anything, I am hearty in my approbation and lavish in my praise.”

At your work, what motivates you to do more?

What is your best method of encouragement toward your best friend, spouse or child? Share examples.

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**Group 4 Read the following story and discuss the questions that follow.**

Dr. Larry Crabb recalls an incident in the church he attended as a young man. It was customary in this church that young men were encouraged to participate in the communion services by praying out loud. Feeling the pressure of expectation, the young Crabb (who had a problem with stuttering) stood to pray. In a terribly confused prayer, he recalls “thanking the Father for hanging on the cross and praising Christ for triumphantly bringing the Spirit from the grave.”

When he was finished, he vowed he would never again speak or pray out loud in front of a group.

At the end of the service, not wanting to meet any of the church elders who might feel constrained to correct his theology, Crabb made for the door. Before he could get out, an older man named Jim Dunbar caught him.

Having prepared himself for the anticipated correction, Crabb instead found himself listening to these words: “Larry, there's one thing I want you to know. Whatever you do for the Lord, I'm behind you one thousand percent.”

Crabb reflects in his book: “Even as I write these words, my eyes fill with tears. I have yet to tell that story to an audience without at least mildly choking. Those words were life words. They had power. They reached deep into my being.”

---Larry Crabb, *Encouragement: The Key to Caring* (Zondervan, 1984)

How has someone encouraged you?

What is your best method of encouragement toward your best friend, spouse, or child? Share examples.

How can your SGM be a haven of encouragement?

# Word for the Week

## "Forgiving One Another"

Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13

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### **Monday** Read Ephesians 4:31

- Ø Verse 31 lists out the sin Paul wants the Ephesians to take out of their lives: bitterness, rage, anger, brawling, slander, and malice. What kind of people was he writing to and dealing with?
- Ø Were these sins against the individual, person to person, believer to unbeliever, or even worse believer to believer?
- Ø Take some time this morning and list out all of the ways that you struggle with in dealing with other people. Are you treating those both in and out of the body of Christ in the same manner that Christ has treated you?
- Ø Pray for a life change today. Pray for forgiveness and a change of heart in those areas that you don't reflect the love of Christ. Pray also for those areas of sin that aren't obvious.

### **Tuesday** - Read Ephesians 4:32

- Ø Think about the character of God today. Read Exodus 34:6-7. Write down how God is slow to act and how he is quick to act. Also write down the disciplinary terms vs. the loving terms.
- Ø Verse 31 lists the natural tendencies of men and women who do not have a transformed spirit. Verse 32 lists the supernatural virtues that flow from our lives as we see the grace poured out to us from the cross of Christ.
- Ø Are you the light of Christ to a dark world? Pray that the fruit of the Spirit in your life would be the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26). Who can you show the love of Christ to today?

### **Wednesday** - Read Matthew 18:21-35

- Ø How much did the servant owe the master (hint vs. 24)? How did the master treat the servant's debt (27)? How much did the servant's debtor owe him (28)? How did the servant then react (30)?
- Ø How do you react to others? To your family? To your Christian family? How many times should we as Christians forgive (21-22)? As much as it takes. Where does true forgiveness come from (35)?
- Ø Do you have any relationships you need to make right today? Today is the day for reconciliation. God forgive or ask for forgiveness. Why? Remember how your master treated you.

### **Thursday** - Read Colossians 3:13

- Ø Open your YellowPages and look up the word Church. How many listings do you find?
  - Ø The Greek word for forgiveness here is charizomenoi and it means "to be gracious."
  - Ø Why are there so many different churches and denominations? Church growth and planting is a very good thing but mishandling disputes is not. Are you gracious to people who have a different background from you? Are you quick to judge the content of the character of a brother or sister in Christ or are you quick to stereotype and ostracize?
- Let's all pray today for unity among Christendom in our aim to fulfill the Great Commission.

### **Friday** - Read Colossians 3:1-17

- Ø Think about the person you were before you became a Christ-follower. Now think about the person you became as a result of the dramatic life-altering event of Christ becoming your Master.
- Ø As new creations our goal in everything we do is to reflect the love of Jesus to everyone we meet. Write verse 17 on a piece of paper or a note card and put it somewhere that you will see all day. Beg God to continue transforming you in image and character to reflect His Glory.

**REAL LIFE**  
“Encouraging One Another”  
**(1Thes. 5:11; Heb. 10:25)**

**(Exegetical . . . What it meant to the Thessalonians/Hebrews back THEN)**  
**THE CONTENT OF THE APOSTLES’ COMMAND TO THE THESSALONIANS**  
**AND THE HEBREWS, BASED ON THE COMING DAY OF THE LORD,**  
**WAS THAT THEY ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER**  
**TO FAITHFULNESS**  
**(SOBRIETY, LOVE, AND GOOD WORKS).**

**NOTE:** Both passages spoke about how to live faithfully in this world of temptation and persecution, but in light of the coming Day of the Lord in which rewards, or the loss of reward, would be finally realized by believers. Paul told the Thessalonians to watch and be sober. The author of Hebrews told his brothers and sisters to hold fast the confession of their hope without wavering. Although living before the Lord was difficult, the encouragement of fellow believers would help them to remain faithful.

- I. The Content of Paul’s command to the Thessalonians, in light of the coming Day of the Lord (judgment), was that they Encourage One Another, that is Build Up One Another even as they were Doing, (1 Thessalonians 5:11).
  - A. The Basis upon which Paul commanded the Thessalonians was the need to Live soberly before the Lord Jesus Christ in anticipation of His coming judgment (of reward and condemnation), (5:1-10).
  - B. The Content of Paul’s command to the Thessalonians, in light of the coming Day of the Lord (judgment), was that they Encourage One Another, that is Build Up One Another even as they were Doing, (5:11).
- II. The Manner in which the Hebrew brothers were to incite One Another to love and good works was not by Forsaking the fellowship, as was the habit of some, but by Encouraging One Another all the more as the Day (of the Lord) Approached, (Hebrews 10:25).
  - A. The Content of the Hebrew author’s command to the Hebrew brothers was that they Consider how to incite One Another to love and good works, (10:24).
  - B. The Manner in which the Hebrew brothers were to incite One Another to love and good works was not by Forsaking the fellowship, as was the habit of some, but by Encouraging One Another all the more as the Day (of the Lord) Approached, (Hebrews 10:25).
    1. The Manner in which the Hebrew brothers were to incite One Another to love and good works was not by Forsaking the fellowship, as was the habit of some, (10:25a).
    2. The Manner in which the Hebrew brothers were to incite One Another to love and good works was by Encouraging One Another all the more as the Day (of the Lord) Approached, (10:25b).

**NOTE:** Without question the term “Day of the Lord” speaks of coming judgment. See a good study Bible for the meaning(s) of the term throughout the Scriptures:

Ezek. 13:5 “You have not gone up into the breaches, nor did you build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the day of the LORD.

Ezek. 30:3 “For the day is near, Even the day of the LORD is near; It will be a day of clouds, A time of doom for the nations.

Joel 1:15 Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is near, and it will come as destruction from the Almighty.

Joel 2:1 Blow a trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; Surely it is near,

Joel 2:11 And the LORD utters His voice before His army; Surely His camp is very great, for strong is he who carries out His word. The day of the LORD is indeed great and very awesome, and who can endure it?

Joel 2:31 “The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

Joel 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. Amos 5:18 Alas, you who are longing for the day of the LORD, For what purpose will the day of the LORD be to you? It will be darkness and not light;

Amos 5:20 Will not the day of the LORD be darkness instead of light, Even gloom with no brightness in it?

Obad. 1:15 “For the day of the LORD draws near on all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head.

Zeph. 1:7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near, for the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, He has consecrated His guests.

Zeph. 1:14 Near is the great day of the LORD, Near and coming very quickly; Listen, the day of the LORD! In it the warrior cries out bitterly.

Mal. 4:5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

Matt. 24:42 "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

Acts 2:20 'The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and glorious day of the Lord shall come.

1Cor. 1:8 who shall also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Cor. 5:5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

2Pet. 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

### **THE MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITY ENCOURAGES ONE ANOTHER.**

- I. The Day of the Lord (of judgment and reward) Approaches, (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3, Hebrews 10:25b).
- II. The Approaching Day of the Lord Demands Sobriety, Love, and Good Works, (1 Thessalonians 5:6, 8; Hebrews 10:24).
- III. Living Sober, Loving, Obedient lives of Faithfulness Requires the Encouragement of One Another, (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:25).

**(Pedagogical . . . What it means for us NOW)  
COMFORT ONE ANOTHER.**

- I. We are in the Last Days, (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3, Hebrews 10:25b).
  - A. The Lord may Come at any time.
  - B. We may Die at any time.
  - C. We are in our Last Days (the thief in the night is coming – 5:2).
- II. The "Day of the Lord" Brings Judgment, (1 Thessalonians 5:9, Hebrews 10:23b).
  - A. The "Day of the Lord" IS the Day of Judgment.
  - B. Judgment Promises Reward to the Faithful.
  - C. Judgment Promises Loss to the Faithless.
- III. The Faithful Practice Sobriety, Love, and Good Works, (1 Thessalonians 5:6, 8; Hebrews 10:24).
- IV. Encourage One Another to Faithfulness, (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:25).  
(Come alongside to help, challenge, stimulate, provoke, prod, etc. One Another.)