

St Thomas Home Group

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St Barnabas

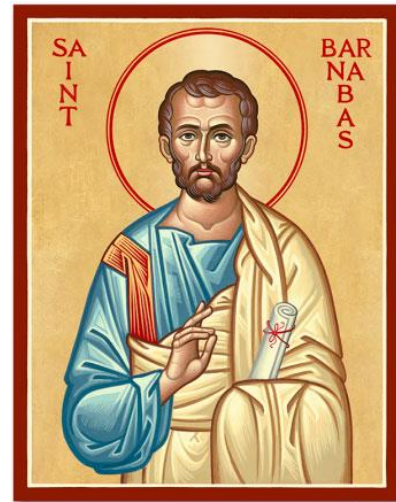
Read: Acts 4:32-37, Acts 9:26-30, Acts 11:19-26 & Acts 13:1-5.

The Study

- Q1 Why do you think Barnabas emerged as a leader among the early Christians?
- Q2 We are told in Acts 11:24 that 'a great many people were brought to the Lord'. What made Barnabas ministry so effective?
- Q3 In Acts 13:1-5 Barnabas and Saul are commissioned and sent to take the gospel further afield. How do you think Barnabas might have felt about this task? Have you ever felt daunted by something God asked you to do? How did you respond?
- Q4 Barnabas was among those who were sent to Jerusalem to discuss how to integrate the new Gentile believers into the early Church. (Acts 15:2). How would you encourage, nurture and equip a new believer?
- Q5 What personal actions do you think you might take in your response to this passage?

How do I relate to this story?

- Q6 Like Barnabas, we too can be sources of encouragement to others in their Christian journey through life. Do you find it easy to be an encourager? In what ways can we encourage others?



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Background

Barnabas's real name was Joseph, but the apostles nicknamed him Barnabas meaning 'son of encouragement,' because he loved to encourage others.

According to Acts 4:36, Barnabas belonged to the tribe of Levi. Levites were responsible for sanctuary services. It is likely Barnabas heard the gospel when he visited Jerusalem for Pentecost. He was a teacher of the law in a synagogue in Cyprus where he lived.



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THE ENCOURAGER