



The Focus word for November is Encourage  
The **verse** for week 46 Nov. 8-14

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.  
1 Thessalonians 5:11

I want to applaud each one of you that have been encouraging one another all year long in the Facebook Group. It is hard when you have a group as big as ours to connect with each other and I have been paying close attention to how caring, loving and supportive you have all been. As I mentioned last week, I want to continue encouraging you to start praying about either hosting or joining a small group in 2016. There is a new document posted on the Facebook group of those who would like to HOST a group.

The purpose of starting a Documented Faith group is to create a community of women that can gather, create, support and serve. To encourage each other to become all that God intends us to be.

What does it mean to HOST a group? All you need is somewhere to gather with a couple of friends to share, create, encourage, have coffee, relax..whatever you are led to do.

Most people who have been a part of a group say the greatest benefit is the close relationships and friendships that develop. You'll discover that your needs and problems are not unique - we're all in the same boat. It helps to know that others are facing the same difficulties or have lived and learned through them.

Something awesome can happen when a group of people gets together to study, create, eat, laugh and focus on what God has to say.

All of this group talk might make you feel intimidated at the thought of leading a group. If so, you aren't alone. I have led several groups in addition to teaching classes and when it involves faith, "fiery darts" are going to fly! Be prepared for roadblocks to pop up. 9 times out of 10. before I plan, prepare or start, somethings occurs. That is when I have to stop, align myself and pray for God's help. He ALWAYS comes through.

There is NO pressure here. Just encouragement to start thinking and praying about it.



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