



April 2016 - Encourage  
Week 17 4/17 - 4/23

"Strengthen the hands of those who are weak. Help those whose knees give away. Say to those whose hearts are afraid " Be Strong. Do not fear. Your God will come. He will pay your enemies back. He will come to save you" Isaiah 35:3-4 NIRV

There are many of us that at times have weak hands and feet. Some of us are new in Christ and it is our responsibility to strengthen each other, not only to bear with the weak but to do what we can to encourage. At the same time, it is our duty to strengthen ourselves, to lift up our hands improving the strength God has given us. Encourage those that are discouraged. Be strong, fear not. Fear is weakening. The more we strive against it, the stronger we are.

After reading that a few times, I want to say "Whew, thank you Lord and amen!"

God wants us to build one another up. The word *support* means to increase one another's potential. It is the idea of strengthening one another. To succeed, you need the strength supplied by other believers, just as they need you.

God wants us to stand alongside one another. "Encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching" Hebrews 11:25, NIV. God does this for us. He "supports us in every hardship, so that we are able to come to the support of others, in every hardship of theirs because of the encouragement that we ourselves receive from God" (2 Corinthians 1:14). We're created to stand alongside one another.

God wants us be patient with one another. When we support one another, we express unconditional love. Even after we grow close enough to each other to learn one another's quirks and annoying little habits, we will stick by each other's side. "With all humility and gentleness, and with patience, support each other in love" Ephesians 4:2 NJB

Who could use your encouragement today? Don't wait until later, encourage them now. Print out this card as a reminder and encouragement.

