

Who's Your Barnabas

(Acts 4:32-37)

- Introduction:
1. Life and the Lord teach us that we need people.
 2. None of us are self-sufficient.
 3. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).
 4. Today, we will begin a series of lessons which will identify people all of us need in our lives.
 5. The first person we need in our lives is a "Barnabas," and the reasons are as follows:

I. We Need a Barnabas to Show Us How to Sacrifice

- A. (Acts 4:32-37).
 1. Sacrifice doesn't come easy or naturally.
 2. It must be learned.
- B. Can you think of people in church who have encouraged you through their sacrifices?
- C. (Acts 20:35).
- D. (Luke 12:15) Life doesn't consist in the things we possess.

II. We Need a Barnabas to Go Out on a Limb for Us and Others

- A. (Acts 9:26-30).
- B. Have you ever gone out on a limb for anyone?
- C. (Acts 15:36-41).
- D. (Proverbs 27:17) As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

III. We Need a Barnabas to Encourage & Strengthen Us

- A. (Acts 11:21-24).
- B. (Galatians 6:9).
- C. (Hebrews 12:12-15).
- D. People don't fall away because they found truth elsewhere, mostly, they get discouraged.
 1. We can't adopt the posture that they know better, so it's on them if they fall away.
 2. While we are not responsible for them, we are responsible to them.

- Conclusion:
1. Who's your Barnabas?
 2. If you don't have one, find one.
 3. Further, if you aren't one yourself, become one for someone else.
 4. Let's do all we can to help each other get to Heaven!