

## **Encourage**

I believe that Parkway is an encouraging church. I want to be like the Apostle Paul and say, *“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)* In the early church we encounter a man by the name of Joseph, who was so gifted by God that he was surnamed, Barnabas, which means “Son of Encouragement.” We can learn much from him.

### **Responds to Needs in a Way that Blesses Others**

*Acts 4:32-37*

### **Stands Up for and Stands Beside Others**

*Acts 9:26-27*

### **Exhibits Spiritual Characteristics**

*Acts 11:19-24*

Joy in seeing God’s grace at work

Spiritual focus of exhorting others

Genuine goodness which is perceived by others

Full of the Holy Spirit

Clearly observed faith in Christ

### **Committed Long-term to Spiritual Growth of Others**

*Acts 11:25-26*

### **Trustworthy in All Circumstances**

*Acts 11:27-30*

### **Open to the Leading of the Holy Spirit in All Things**

*Acts 12:25 - 13:1-3*

### **Speaks Boldly for the Sake of the Gospel**

*Acts 13:26*

### **Sees beyond Failures to Work Godly Transformation**

*Acts 15:35-40. Colossians 4:10*