The Gift of Encouragement

ENCOURAGE (defined) 1. To inspire with hope, courage, or confidence; hearten. 2. To give support to; 3. To stimulate; spur.

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Who Needs to Receive the Gift? ONE WHO IS SUFFERING

When one is dealing with personal sorrow.

And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother [Lazarus].

John 11:19

ONE WHO IS DESPONDENT

When one is overwhelmed by trials or persecution.

We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

1 Thessalonians 5:14

ONE WHO IS BEING TEMPTED When one is being lured by the forbidden.

But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 3:13

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