

**ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER:**  
**THE FOUNDATION TO MINISTRY**

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Paul wrote 13 epistles.

- So you could say that simply by encouraging Paul and Mark that Barnabas influenced about half of the New Testament.

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7. Show up.

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## C . HOW ENCOURAGEMENT WORKS.

The Cross = Involvement from beginning to end.  
Involvement is contrary to the flesh.

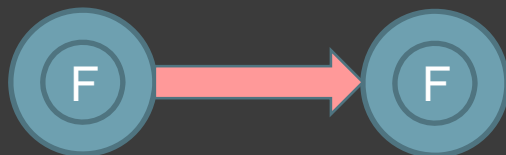
*The reason people don't want to get involved  
is they don't want to risk a comfortable and  
pleasant relationship.*

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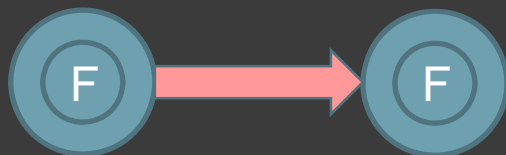
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- Faith is killed by fear.
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