**Bible Study 10/5/2011 Brentwood Bible lunch Fellowship**

**“You are an Encourager“– Romans 12:8**

An Encourager is an up lifter, and one that comforts. Every Christ follower is an encourager – Hebrew 10:24-25

5 Principles of Encouragement

* Encouragement is a priority to God – He has give us the Holy spirit – Ephesians 1 :13, John 14 :15-17
* Encouragement was huge in the development/Growth of the New Testament Church- Acts 9:31 , Acts 11:23, Acts 14:21-22 , Acts 15:32 , Acts 16 :40 Acts 20 :1-2
* Encouragement is huge in the growth of Christ followers today – Heb 3 :12-13 - (1 ) Encouragement helps us live for Christ -1 Thessalonians 5 :11 , (2) Encouragement helps us stand film in our faith – 1 Peter 5:12
* Encouragement is best when it is based on God’s word
* Encouragement erases discouragement and disappointments

Why do I need encouragement?

* Flesh is weak- sin
* Warfare is real
* Circumstances are different
* People are crazy

Encouragement requirements/ contents

* Encouragement requires thoughts
* Encouragement requires connections
* Encouragement requires actions

What do I do now?

* I must seek encouragement from God thru worship , seeking him , prayer , daily devotion time with him – 2 Thessalonians 2 :16-17
* I must sow encouragement by my words , by my prayers – 2 Cor 5 :20

Key to remember – Galatians 6:7 – if you sow a discord encouragement, so will you reap, 1 Cor 5:13