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## Part 8 Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God

### Challenge #7 Encourage the Disheartened

The challenge for this week is “Encourage the Disheartened”.

This is part of a yearly series “Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God”. There are 26 challenges for 1 year. You concentrate on 1 thing for 1 week (every other week) and see what happens.

Encouraging the disheartened comes in many forms. Not everyone is naturally good at that. Some of us just don’t know what to say or do to encourage. And sometimes we just need to listen or just tell our story.

This week, let’s challenge ourselves and pray about what we can do to encourage those around us that are struggling. Our encouragement should always point to God and his goodness.

God often times allows suffering for specific reasons. But it is always for the good of our souls.

So really concentrate on praying for and encouraging people this week and see what happens. See how it brings you closer to God.

Here are some Bible verses to motivate you.

*Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

*Galatians 6:2 Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

*Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.*

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