

## Encouraged by the Lord

The Book of Acts  
Midweek Sermon  
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*Acts 23:10-11 (NLT)*

*10 As the conflict grew more violent, the commander was afraid they would tear Paul apart. So he ordered his soldiers to go and rescue him by force and take him back to the fortress. 11 That night the Lord appeared to Paul and said, "Be encouraged, Paul. Just as you have been a witness to me here in Jerusalem, you must preach the Good News in Rome as well."*

Men are not against you; they are merely for themselves.  
—Jan Christian Smuts

### How Does God Encourage Us?

#### 1. By His \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 14:27 (KJV)*

*But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.*

*Psalms 67:1 (NIV)*

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, Selah*

#### 2. By His \_\_\_\_\_

*Romans 15:4 (KJV)*

*For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

#### 3. By His \_\_\_\_\_

*Isaiah 40:30-31 (KJV)*

*30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, 31 But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.*

#### **4. By Our Partners in \_\_\_\_\_**

*2 Timothy 1:16 (NIV)*

*May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains.*

*Galatians 4:12c-14 (NLT)*

*12 "...You did not mistreat me when I first preached to you. 13 Surely you remember that I was sick when I first brought you the Good News. 14 But even though my condition tempted you to reject me, you did not despise me or turn me away. No, you took me in and cared for me as though I were an angel from God or even Christ Jesus himself.*

#### **5. By \_\_\_\_\_**

*Habakkuk 3:2 (KJV)*

*O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.*

*Acts 23:12-15 (NLT)*

*12 The next morning a group of Jews got together and bound themselves with an oath not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul. 13 There were more than forty of them in the conspiracy. 14 They went to the leading priests and elders and told them, We have bound ourselves with an oath to eat nothing until we have killed Paul. 15 So you and the high council should ask the commander to bring Paul back to the council again. Pretend you want to examine his case more fully. We will kill him on the way."*

ANSWERS:

1. PRESENCE
2. PROMISES
3. POWER
4. MINISTRY
5. PRAYER