



# ACTS



# **The Gospel According to Barnabas**

Acts 11:19-30

# I. A Portrait of Encouragement

# A. A joyful giver

Acts 4:36-37

# B. A trusting advocate

Acts 9:26-27

# C. A discerning activist

Acts 11:22-26

# D. A courageous caregiver

Acts 11:30

# E. A willing mentor

Acts 12:25



# F. A spiritual leader

Acts 13:1-3

# G. A faithful partner

Acts 13:4 – 15:35

# H. A contagious affirmer

Acts 15:36-40 → Col. 4:10 → 2 Tim.  
4:11

## II. A Gospel of Encouragement

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“Already and not yet”

# III. A Calling to Encourage

Who?

CHURCH LIFE

# The Rise of the ‘Umms’

Unlike “Nones” and “Dones,” many church-adjacent Christians want to return to a local body—but they feel stuck.

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**F**or the first time in my nearly 40 years, I do not belong to a church body.

Each Sunday I awake with a longing to gather around song, Scripture, and sacrament. Most of those mornings my wife and I walk to the nursing home to celebrate the Eucharist with a faithful but forgotten few.

This year my wife and I want to plant a church in Chicagoland, but many weeks I am left wondering, *Where do we fit in?*

Recently, I was lamenting this season with a friend. He echoed my sentiment, “I’m also floating without a church—it isn’t ideal, just the way it

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Who?

Disoriented

# Who?

Disoriented

Demotivated

# Who?

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Demotivated

Discouraged

# Who?

Disoriented

Demotivated

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Disembodied

What?

# What?

To find a home  
in Jesus & with God's people

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PLOT

# What?

To find a home  
in Jesus & with God's people

PLOT → PROPERTY



# What?

To find a home  
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PLOT → PROPERTY → PLACE

# What?

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# What?

To “remain true to the Lord  
with a firm resolve of the heart”

# How?

By being “filled with  
the Holy Spirit and faith”

# How?

By being “coaches & advocates”  
toward God’s best for others



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