

Tuesday

Each One Reach One

Today's Scripture Hebrews 3:12-14

Who is the one who lifts you up when you are feeling down? Who is that person who you lean on for spiritual strength when your faith seems to waiver? Who is the one that can motivate you for service and sacrifice when your heart grows callous? Whoever that person is in your life, how much do you appreciate and care for him/her? I would imagine phrases like, "I don't know what I would do without him/her" or "They know just what to say" are flowing through your mind. These individuals have such an impact on others' lives!

Are you that person for someone else? If the answer to that question is anything but a humble "Yes," I want you to hear the words of Hebrews 3:13, "But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." Not only will our encouragement of others lift them up, it will also prevent a major issue—the hardening of their hearts (3:7-11, 12).

Hebrews 3:7-11 is a quotation from Psalm 95 that references Moses disobeying a direct command from God as he was influenced by the hardening of Israel's collective heart. Their generational disobedience "provoked" God because "They always go astray in their heart" (3:10). HEAR THIS: If it is true that my encouragement can positively affect someone else's actions, and someone else's actions can affect God, then my choice to encourage someone else or not has a direct effect on God!

A few thoughts: First, appreciate those people who have been spiritual rocks in your life because we do not make it easy on them from time to time. Second, oftentimes the best way to find encouragement yourself is by encouraging someone else. Third, by encouraging others to fight sin and pursue faith, we may help prevent the hardening of a heart towards the Living God!

Today, I will...find a brother/sister in Christ who needs spiritual encouragement and be that source of help in their time of need.