

## **Think About it Thursday**

"Encouragement costs you nothing to give, but it is priceless to receive." Author unknown

The stones that are part of the Western Wall and the Temple Mount in Jerusalem were part of the great building projects of Herod the Great. The amazing thing about these stone blocks, called ashlar, is that they are cut to fit together perfectly. There is cement or mortar to hold them together. But yet over two thousand years since the Romans destroyed the temple, there are parts of walls still standing and being used today. How can they still stand? Because the stones support each other and still stand because they have each other to lean upon. We could learn a lesson from those stone blocks.

Our sovereign God can and does encourage us in the tough times of our lives and His spirit uplifts us in our day-to-day world. But he needs us to be the physical presentation of that support. I have often felt His arms around me, but we are human, and the human voice and touch goes a long way. God knows that. He needs us to be His physical voice and hands. Who needs a kind word, an encouraging word or a hug of support or comfort from you today?

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing". (1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV)