

"Encouraging words are hugs of hope" (p. 71).

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

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Encouragement Do we "speak" courage to others in a world of discouragement? Is it easier to discourage others by being critical or dismissive—even by ignoring others? **Encouraging Our Youth** How can we encourage future generations of youth "in the faith"? What do we need to model for them to believe us—doubts and all?

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## SIX WAYS TO AFFIRM OTHERS

- 1. Speak honest, heartfelt words of praise. ("You know, you're really good at that.")
- 2. Express appreciation. ("You're so thoughtful.")
- 3. Listen attentively. ("I hear you.")
- 4. Acknowledge them. ("It's great to see you.")
- 5. Credit their contributions. ("You raise a wonderful point!")
- 6. Speak well of them in front of their peers. ("Luke was

great in that role.")

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