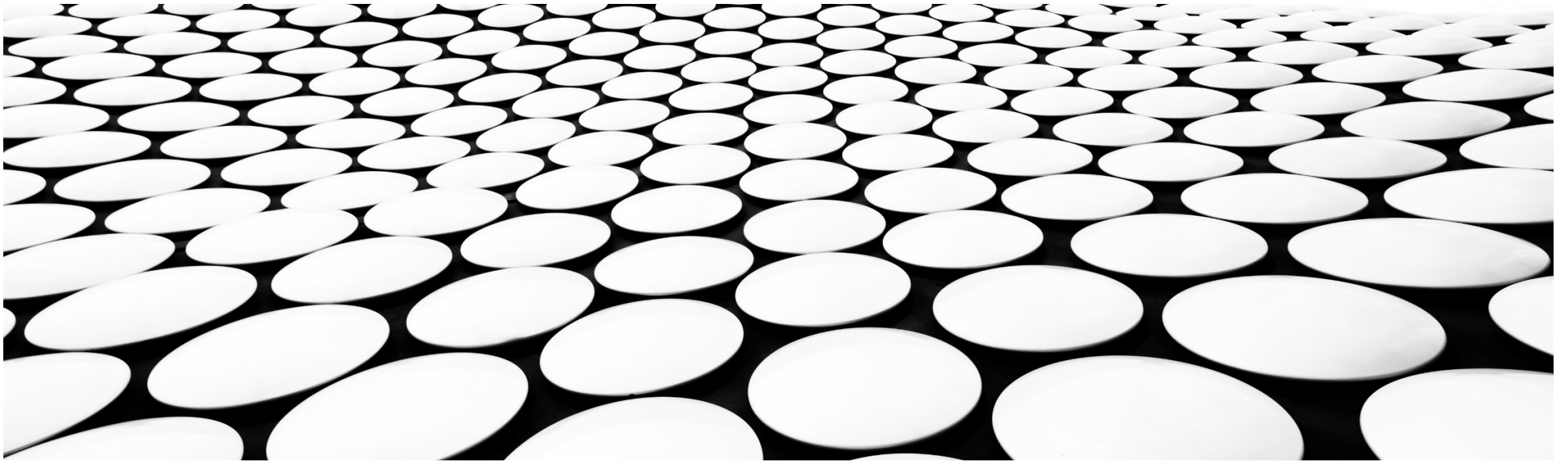

“EXHORT ONE ANOTHER WHILE
IT IS TODAY...” HEBREWS 3:13



Exhort – to Strongly
encourage or urge
(someone) to do
something.

- Admonish

- Advise

- Beseech

- Call upon

- Caution

- Encourage

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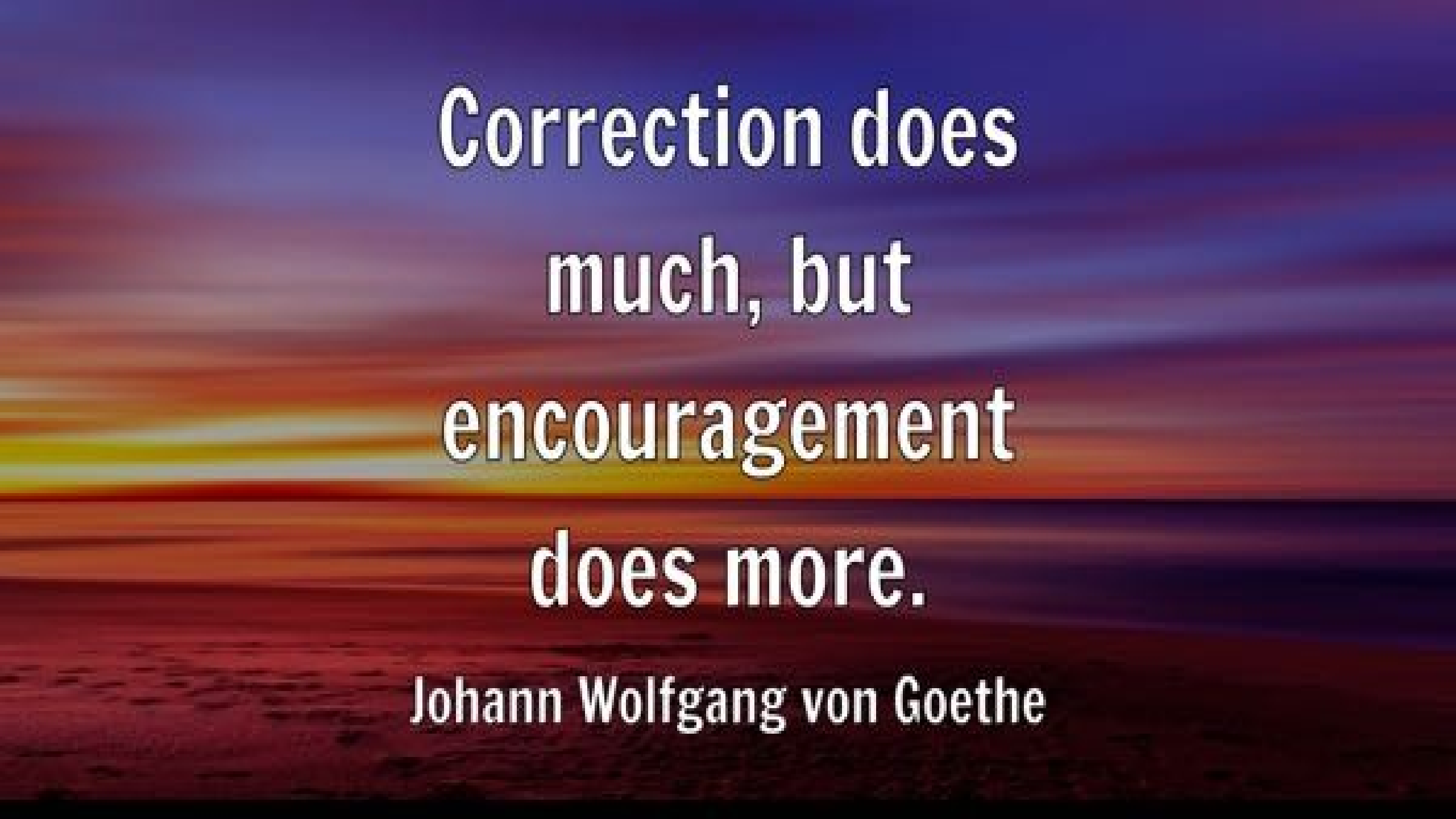
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But exhort one another every
day, as long as it is called
“today,” that none of you may
be hardened by the
deceitfulness of sin. Hebrews

3:13

Why might a Christian
do these things to
other people?

1. To change a
person's spiritual
trajectory.

A sunset over a body of water. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The water in the foreground is dark and reflects the colors of the sky. The text is centered and white with a black outline.

Correction does
much, but
encouragement
does more.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

**"HOW YOU
MAKE OTHERS
FEEL ABOUT
THEMSELVES,
SAYS A LOT
ABOUT YOU."**

PlaceboEffect.com

**ONE
COMPLIMENT**

can affect a whole lifetime.

BE BOLD

— and speak —

LIFE-GIVING

— words. —



**TREAT OTHERS
WITH KINDNESS.
YOU NEVER KNOW
WHAT THEY'RE
GOING THROUGH.
YOU MAY HAVE
POWER TO LIFT
THEIR SPIRITS OR
BREAK THEM.**

THEGOODWISE.CO

**"I can live for
two months on a
good compliment."**

— Mark Twain

**Everybody likes a
compliment.**

Abraham Lincoln

quotefancy

Most of us, swimming against the tides of trouble the world knows nothing about, need only a bit of praise or encouragement - and we will make the goal. - **Robert Collier**

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- Surely, if we knew that something we could say or do would change someone's eternal destination we would not hesitate to act.
 - Some people need more encouragement & exhortation than others.
 - Building each other up is supposed to give us hope. If there is anything this world could use more of, it's hope. **Romans 15:1-7**

If your words or actions could cause someone to go from feeling **HOPELESS** to feeling **HOPEFUL**, what what kind of tragedies & heartache could you potentially save them from?

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- Many of you might be like many other Christians I know who don't know how to give encouragement & exhortation. That's okay.
 - Wanting to get better at something is a much better position than remaining stagnant.
 - Philippians 4:8-9 gives us a great template.
 - Are you willing to put in the work?

“Our prayers should be thrown
across the pathway of men &
women as they rush in their
downward course to a lost
eternity”

2. It reflects an attitude of thankfulness & forgiveness.

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- Hopefully you recognize the many things that Christians have to be thankful for. Do we truly “Count our many blessings?”
 - Matthew 18:21-35 – Let’s not be guilty of scoffing at the unforgiving servant.
 - How encouraging & uplifting will it be to someone when they receive your forgiveness.
 - We exhort because we’ve been exhorted.

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- Let's not just be content to receive compliments, encouragement, or counsel.
 - We should always be looking for ways we can bless someone with our words or actions.
 - In turn, we can be thankful when God uses someone to say or do something kind or helpful to encourage our hearts. Be the one in Luke 17.

3. It gives people
(Christians & Non-
Christians) confidence
they desperately need.

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- Many people are hampered by lack of confidence. It keeps them from doing so much.
 - Have you ever considered the situation that Joshua found himself in? Deuteronomy 31.
 - When I think of strong Old Testament leaders, Moses rises to the top quickly.
 - Can you imagine following him? Look at how Moses encourages & strengthens Joshua.

4. It causes the
Church to grow.

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- All of us have probably heard some interesting sermon titles. Here is one I remember very vividly: “**How to kill a church.**”
 - We may not realize that our lack of exhortation & encouragement could be something that harms the Church. Yet it happens quite often.
 - Acts 11:21-26 – The son of encouragement.


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- I wonder how far reaching all that encouragement from Barnabas went. How many people that he exhorted went on to do the same?
 - God uses others to encourage us, and God wants to use us to encourage others.
 - What a great cycle of growth. Matthew 7:12
 - Your past experiences make you the perfect encourager & admonisher. James 1: 2-4

People (usually) want to be around nice people. That could be the very thing that first brings them to thinking about spiritual things. John 4:39-42. What first brought the people to Jesus (Church)?


5. Tomorrow isn't
guaranteed

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- Hebrews 3:14 - While it is today.
 - First, you're not guaranteed tomorrow to be able to give that encouragement or build someone up. The Lord may call you home.
 - Secondly & more importantly, they aren't guaranteed tomorrow.
 - What if your encouragement was what put them on the path to knowing Christ & heaven?

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- Don't wait to say or do that thing of encouragement or exhortation. James 4:13-17
 - How many times have you tragically heard of someone who left the house and never made it back home? Say that encouraging thing!!!
 - Not to mention that we don't know when Christ might return - "As a thief in the night"
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11



Don't wait to do things that could
have eternal importance for you
and others. Wake up and do it
today! Romans 13:8-14



Why should a Christian
exhort & encourage
other people?

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- 1. It could change someone's trajectory.
 - 2. It reflects an attitude of thankfulness & forgiveness.
 - It gives people confidence they desperately need.
 - 4. It causes the Church to grow.
 - 5. Tomorrow isn't guaranteed.