You Look Marvelous!
Acts 13:13-32; 2 Timothy 1:1

1- Encouragement must be spoken
2- Encouragement deals with good news
3- Encouragement ultimately leads people to God

I. ENCOURAGEMENT MUST BE SPOKEN

James 3:2 "We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check."

Prov. 10:19 "When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise."

Acts 13:15 "The synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak."

Eph. 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Col. 4:6 "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."
II. ENCOURAGEMENT DEALS WITH GOOD NEWS

16Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: "Men of Israel and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! 22After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’ 23"From this man’s descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised.

38"Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses."

Prov. 11:25-26 "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. People curse the man who hoards grain (or good news), but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell." (or speak good)

III. ENCOURAGEMENT ULTIMATELY LEADS PEOPLE TO GOD

Acts 13:42-44 42As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. 43When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God. 44On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.

48When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.