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(A minister of encouragement says, <u>"Let's work this out!"</u>)

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(A minister of encouragement says, <u>"Stick to it!"</u>)

IV. ENCOURAGEMENT IS <u>TEAM WORK</u> (Acts 11:25-30, 13:2)
(A minister of encouragement says, <u>"I'll join you!"</u>)

V. ENCOURAGEMENT IS <u>GIVING A SECOND CHANCE</u> (Acts 15:36-40)
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