

LETTERS TO THE Thessalonians

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DED FORTH, NOT ONLY IN MACEDONIA AND ACHAIA, BUT
EVERY PLACE. YOUR FAITH TOWARD GOD HAS GONE OUT,
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NG AND TRUE GOD, 10 AND TO WAIT FOR HIS SON FROM
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US FROM THE WRATH TO COME.

SILVANUS, AND TIMOTHY,

CHURCH OF THE THESSALONIANS IN GOD THE FATHER AND
JESUS CHRIST:

AND PEACE {A}FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND THE LORD
CHRIST.

GOOD EXAMPLE

WE THANKS TO GOD ALWAYS FOR YOU ALL, MAKING MENTION
IN OUR PRAYERS, 3 REMEMBERING WITHOUT CEASING YOUR

FAITH, LABOR OF LOVE, AND PATIENCE OF HOPE IN OUR
SUS CHRIST IN THE SIGHT OF OUR GOD AND FATHER, 4

BELOVED BRETHREN, YOUR ELECTION BY GOD. 5 FOR OUR
DID NOT COME TO YOU IN WORD ONLY, BUT ALSO IN POWER,
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND IN MUCH ASSURANCE, AS YOU KNOW

OF MEN WE WERE AMONG YOU FOR YOUR SAKE. 6 BECAUSE
I BECAME FOLLOWER OF YOU AND OF THE LORD, HAVING

THE WORD IN MUCH AFFLICTION, WITH JOY OF THE HOLY
7 SO THAT YOU BECAME EXAMPLES TO ALL IN MACEDONIA

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CHILDREN, 12 THAT YOU WOULD WALK WORTHY OF GOD WHO
YOU INTO HIS OWN KINGDOM AND GLORY.

THEIR CONVERSION

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BECAUSE WHEN YOU RECEIVED THE WORD OF GOD WHICH YOU

2 FOR YOU YOURSELVES KNOW, BRETHERN, THAT OUR CO
YOU WAS NOT IN VAIN. 2 BUT {A}EVEN AFTER WE HAD S
BEFORE AND WERE SPITEFULLY TREATED AT PHILIPPI,

KNOW, WE WERE BOLD IN OUR GOD TO SPEAK TO YOU THE
OF GOD IN MUCH CONFLICT. 3 FOR OUR EXHORTATION DID N
FROM ERROR OR UNCLEANNESS, NOR WAS IT IN DECEIT.

4 BUT AS WE HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY GOD TO BE ENTRUST
THE GOSPEL, EVEN SO WE SPEAK, NOT AS PLEASING MEN,
WHO TESTS OUR HEARTS. 5 FOR NEITHER AT ANY TIME DID

FLATTERING WORDS, AS YOU KNOW, NOR A {B}CLO
COVETOUSNESS—GOD IS WITNESS. 6 NOR DID WE SEEK GLO

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AMONG YOU, JUST AS A NURSING MOTHER CHERISHES HE

CHILDREN. 8 SO, AFFECTIONATELY LONGING FOR YOU, WE
WELL PLEASED TO IMPART TO YOU NOT ONLY THE GOSPEL OF
BUT ALSO OUR OWN LIVES, BECAUSE YOU HAD BECOME DEAR

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THE BLESSING OF A FAITHFUL CHURCH (1 THESS. 2:17-3:13)

SPEAKER: PASTOR MIKE BURNETTE

ICEBREAKER

NIGHT AT THE RODEO OR RENAISSANCE FAIR?



PROPHETIC WARNING FOR THE CHURCH/ US (1 THESS. 2: 14-16)

- *When Pastor Mike mentioned spiritual warfare, how does that phrase make you feel? (ie. skeptical, fearful, belief)*
- *How has spiritual warfare impacted your life?*
- *Read James 4:7 - Discuss some practical ways to resist or oppose spiritual warfare in your life?*

FULLY FAITHFUL IS OUR FOUNDATION (1 THESS. 2:17-3:5)

- *Paul is encouraging the church to remain faithful in the struggle. Who in your life is an encouragement of your faith (Pastor Mike called them a “tigger”)?*
- *Timothy not only came to encourage but also evaluate. Do you have a person in your life who will not only encourage you but also hold you accountable? (What does that look like in your small group - are you honest with your group? Do you allow them to hold you accountable?)*

A FAITHFUL CHURCH BRINGS COMFORT TO OTHERS (1 THESS. 3:6-13)

- *Take time to evaluate where you are (on a scale of 1-5), how well do you:*

1- Love the Lord, Love People, Love God’s Word, Live a Life of Prayer, Generous

2- Faithful Givers, Obedience and Allegiance to Jesus, Share the Gospel

3- Endure Suffering

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ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

Be encouraged, God is with you in every battle and every season. Spiritual warfare is real, but the enemy has no authority over those who belong to Jesus. You are more than a conqueror through Christ! Stay faithful, stand strong, and don't give up when life gets hard. God is building strength, endurance, and faithfulness in you. He is keeping you, growing you, and using you to reach one more person for His Kingdom. A faithful church is a blessing to others and pleasing to the Lord.



ASK

Paul reminded the church that faithfulness comes with a cost. Following Jesus means choosing obedience, standing firm through hardship, and refusing to back down when opposition comes. Ask yourself honestly: Am I staying faithful to Jesus in every area of my life? Am I growing in love for God and for people? Am I connected to community, encouraging others, and helping reach one more person with the Gospel?



CHALLENGE

Your challenge this week is to stand strong in your faith and encourage someone else to do the same. Be intentional about building your relationship with God through prayer, worship, and His Word. Invite one more person into community, church, or a conversation about Jesus. Refuse to let fear, opposition, or discouragement move you. Let your life be marked by faithfulness, love, obedience, and perseverance so that you can be a comfort and blessing to others.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us that You are with us in every battle and every season. Help us to stay faithful, strong, and rooted in You no matter what opposition comes our way. Grow our love for You and for people. Strengthen our hearts, keep us blameless before You, and help us encourage others to stand firm in their faith. Use us to reach one more person with the hope of the Gospel. In Jesus' name, Amen.