



Message Date: April 16, 2023

Message Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Message Title: Resonate: Known Everywhere

Big Idea: A life worthy of imitation starts with transformation

Questions:

1. Who is someone you desire to emulate? Why?
2. Read 1Thess 1:2-3. In what ways are you motivated by the mission of God? (How is your work produced by faith? Labor prompted by love? Endurance inspired by hope?)
3. Read 1 Thess 1:4-5. How do you see the way God loves you impacting what compels you?
4. Read 1 Thess 1:6-10. Who did the church members of Thessalonica imitate? Why is Paul pointing this out?
5. Bryan talked about a baseball player who gave up everything when he could no longer include his son in his practices. In what ways does it take courage for you to imitate Jesus (as this baseball player did) and sacrifice things you love, money, and fame?
6. If your entire life was exposed, what would people think your priorities are? How might you need to change your priorities to align to God's and be fully submitted to Him?

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A life WORTHY of IMITATION starts with TRANSFORMATION.

SCRIPTURE Context Paul visited Thessalonica, incited a riot, and had to exit.

① MOTIVATED by MISSION

The Thessalonians were HARD WORKERS in the work of God. They were CHOSEN, receiving gifts from God. WANTED by God.



② COMPELLED by CONVICTION

Thessalonians imitated Paul's conviction. It's about SURRENDER and LETTING GO instead of HUSTLE. The Gospel and its power to TRANSFORM is what changes us.



③ POWERED by TRANSFORMATION

Energy is released in our lives from OUR TRANSFORMATION, freeing us from idols we relied on for safety + security.

