



Message Date: April 30, 2023

Message Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

Message Title: Resonate: The Work of the Word

Big Idea: The Message of Jesus empowers our perseverance.

Questions:

1. Who is an example of someone so passionate about their ambitions that it seems nothing can stop them?
2. When have you seen the gospel take such deep roots in someone's life that nothing can stop them from sharing it?
3. Bryan spoke about the message of Jesus being precious. (See 1 Thess. 2:4) Does viewing the gospel as something you are entrusted with change the dynamic of speaking truth in a positive way, or does this make you nervous?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16. What made it evident that the Word of God was at work in the believers at Thessalonica?
5. Paul discussed the hardships the people of God faced for their faith and dedication to following Christ. Have you experienced rejection or persecution for your faith? How did you navigate these hardships?
6. What attempts at being counter-cultural in response to God's Word are most difficult for you to embody?
7. Do you feel empowered to persevere and share the message of Jesus? Why or why not?
8. What verses do you typically turn to to help you persevere in kingdom work when it becomes difficult?

RESONATE

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How can we EMBRACE the scriptures as a FORCE to change our lives?

- ① The message of Jesus is **PRECIOUS!**
We are reminded that the message we've received from Jesus is **PRECIOUS** and valuable. The words represent our relationship w/ Him.



- ② The message of Jesus is **POWERFUL!**
His Word has **POWER** to change us and others — we infuse the world around us to change and transform.



- ③ The message of Jesus invites **PARTICIPATION!**
Not only precious and powerful but Jesus' word invites us to **PARTICIPATE** into the Gospel by mimicing Christ's example.



- ④ The message of Jesus enables **PERSEVERANCE!**
Reliance on God and living as an imitator of Jesus requires **PERSEVERANCE**. The world's way is counter to Jesus' way — the Gospel provides the power to persevere challenges.

