



Message Date: May 21, 2023

Message Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Message Title: When Faith Becomes Good News

Big Idea: Perseverance under pressure is powerful


Questions:


1. When have you known you should be doing something that would be good for you but just do not have the willpower to stick with it?
2. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13. How was Paul's life impacted by the Thessalonians?
3. Would you consider yourself a young or mature believer? What qualifies you for this category?
4. As seen in this passage, what makes the relationships between mature and young Christians so essential to the faith of everyone in the Church?
5. Read 1 Thess 3:6-10. Take some time to notice the young believers in your life and share the way they have refreshed your faith to persevere in hard times (especially if they are in the room!).
6. Younger believers, share about ways the mature believers in your life have strengthened your confidence in what God is capable of. Be specific!
7. Read 1 Thess 3:12-13. What would your life look like if your love increased and overflowed for each other?
8. Pray these two verses (12-13) over your group, and commit to writing out your prayers for each other this week (via text, email, written letter, etc.).

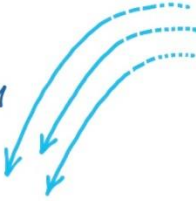
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NATE GRUBER · 1 THESSALONIANS 3: 6-13

CONTEXT Paul only had 3 weeks to be with the Thesalonians so this book was different type of letter for Paul - he likely felt he'd abandoned this young church.

① *Thesalonians provided GOOD NEWS to Paul*
Timothy brings back a good report of the young Thesalonian church to encourage Paul who had to leave sooner than he wanted. 
The faith of young believers is REFRESHING to mature believers!

② *Thesalonians were dedicated to following Jesus*
In spite of Paul being gone so quickly, this young church was dedicated to following Jesus with dedication. 
The spirit of God was present and provided JOY to Paul.

③ *Prayer consistently was Paul's gift to the Thesalonians*
Paul being far away after only a brief time in Thessalonica could offer constant prayer as his ministry to them. 
God changes the hearts of Paul and the Thesalonians.

★ PERSEVERE UNDER PRESSURE!
Stay with Jesus, stay connected, be honest with each other, and pray!