



Finish: There is Good News to Strengthen Your Faith!

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Passage Summary: As we journey through life in a sin filled and fallen world, it is essential to realize there is good _____ to strengthen our _____, but it may not always take the form we might expect!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that a faithful _____ for Christ in the face of trials and persecution can breathe _____ into the body of Christ! (3:6-16)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to a faithful witness for Christ, it can produce in the body of Christ...

- _____! (v.6-8)

“Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Hebrews 12:3

Remember: When it comes to a faithful witness for Christ, the _____ of all _____ “comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.” (2 Corinthians 1:4)

- _____! (v.9)

Remember: When it comes to a faithful witness for Christ, let God transform your _____ into someone else’s _____, for as the apostle John writes, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” (3 John 4)

- _____! (v.10-13)

See that a faithful witness for Christ can produce a burden to pray for...

An open door for _____! (v.10-11)

“We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.”

Colossians 1:28-29

An overflowing _____! (v.12)

“Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.”

Matthew 24:12-13

A consecrated _____! (v.13)

“Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.”

1 John 3:2-3

Remember: When it comes to a faithful witness for Christ, we have everything to gain and nothing to lose, and a day God has chosen to usher us into His presence for all eternity; may we live and pray as it that _____ could be _____!

“For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: ‘I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.’”

Isaiah 57:15

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine to allow the God of the universe to _____ your _____ personally this morning, and in so doing, to allow Paul’s testimony to become someone else’s; “For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord.” (1 Thessalonians 3:8)