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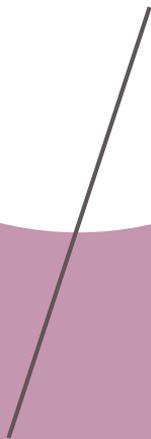
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CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: Walking with Others

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We thank God for you



READ:

1 Thessalonians Chapter 1.

REFLECT:

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers"
(1:2)

Hearing about the flourishing faith of someone you passed your faith onto is a cause for deep and thankful rejoicing. Is there any nobler desire than for someone to know, experience and love our God for themselves?

Today, think back on those you have shared the Gospel with, prayed with, walked alongside, or were an example for. Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit as you do.

TAKE ACTION:

Spend time today thanking God for and praying by name for the people whose faith you have invested in.

Deeper action: reach out and let them know you were praying for them today.

56 by faith, love and hope



READ:

1 Thessalonians Chapter 1.

REFLECT:

"your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope" (1:3)

Faith, love and hope. For the believers in Thessalonica these were not mere sentiments, but life-changing influences that led to action. These *produced*, *prompted* and *inspired* how they lived.

As followers of Jesus we live a life that overflows. One that overflows from our faith in God, our experience of His love and our hope in His certain return.

TAKE ACTION:

If Christian faith, love and hope were the greatest influences in your life... how would you live today differently?

Deeper action: Is there a particular decision or action your faith is calling for that you need to step into?

56 loved & chosen by God



READ:

1 Thessalonians Chapter 1.

REFLECT:

"For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you" (1:4)

Central to the Gospel message is the truth that God has chosen to place his affection on us. He has purposed to lavish his love on us in calling us his children (see also 1 John 3:1).

We are secure in this love, in His love, and His love changes us.

TAKE ACTION:

Meditate on the transforming truth that you are eternally loved and chosen by God.

Deeper action: revisit and write a version of your testimony themed around what it means to you to be loved by God.

“you became a model to all”

READ:

1 Thessalonians Chapter 1.

REFLECT:

"You became imitators of us and of the Lord...And so you became a model to all the believers." (1:6-7)

As we welcome the Gospel message into our lives, we begin the life-long process of learning to live and love like Jesus.

As personal and unseen this can feel at times, the reality is that our faith and its impact on the way we live *is* visible and observable to those around us.

TAKE ACTION:

Identify who is looking to you to learn what it means to be a person of faith.

Deeper action: If there are things you would not want them to learn from your life and faith currently, take steps today to start addressing those.

56 *the message rang out from you*”

READ:

1 Thessalonians Chapter 1.

REFLECT:

"The Lord's message rang out from you... your faith in God has become known everywhere." (1:8)

Many of us owe our faith (in part) to one or two key people who shared their faith with us. It is rightly observed that the church is only ever one generation from dying out.

Each of us have the joyful responsibility to pass the Gospel message on through our life and words.

TAKE ACTION:

Pray Colossians 4:3-4 over yourself, and look for the conversational doors God will open in your week.

Deeper action: Ask God to open your eyes to the people of peace already in your life. Pray that God would bring other people of peace into your life.