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Thessalonians

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Intro: The true concern of a Pastor's heart are revealed in 1 Thess 1:2-3, 5; 2:2-4, 5-7, 9-11, 13

He is Thankful for those he oversees - 1:2; 2:13

He appreciates their testimony - 1:3

He is encouraged by what he hears about them—1:9

He loved them - 2:8

He longed to be with them - 2:17-20

VI. The Pastor's Heart

A. A Pastor's Affection for His People - vs 1a

1. Therefore, conclusion from previous context—vs 20 For you are our glory and joy.

2. when we could no longer endure it,

a. even though he was facing his own trials - 3:7

b. He was concerned for their spiritual well being - vs 1a, 5

i. 2Co 12:15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.

ii. 2Co 11:28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

B. A Pastor's Sacrifice for His People - vs 1b-2a

1. we thought it good to be left in Athens alone,

a. Paul was at Athens alone and called for Timothy and Silas to come to him - Ac 17:15

b. Then he sent them to Thessalonica and Macadonia - Acts 18:5 (their return)

c. **kataleipo** - to leave down, i.e. behind; by implication, to abandon, have remaining:--forsake, leave, reserve, used in secular writings of leaving a loved one behind at death.

d. Thought it best - see the concern and intention for the Thessalonians welfare

2. and sent Timothy,

a. the description of Timothy is to show the relationship that Paul had with Timothy, due to the ministry, Paul saw him as a equal

i. our brother

ii. and our fellow laborer

b. the description of Timothy also shows Timothy's the relationship with God

i. and minister of God,

ii. in the gospel of Christ,

C. A Pastor's Compassion for His People - vs 2b-4

1. to establish you - to support or buttress with the intent that it is established

2. and encourage you - parakaleo - to come alongside of and motivate to live according to sound doctrine - Ac 14:22

3. concerning your faith, mentioned 5 times in this section

a. that no one should be shaken by these afflictions - **saino** - to wag (as a dog its tail fawningly), i.e. (generally) to shake (figuratively, disturb):--move.

b. for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.

- i. Paul? - Ac 9:16; 20:23; 21:11; 1Co 4:9; Eph 3:13;
- ii. All believers? - 2Ti 3:12; 1Pe 2:21

4. For, in fact,

- a. we told you before when we were with you
- b. that we would suffer tribulation, () serve to strengthen faith
- c. just as it happened, and you know.

D. A Pastor's Protectiveness Toward His People - vs 5

1. For this reason, - because of the tribulation that you have experienced...

2. when I could no longer endure it,

- a. this time Paul uses the first person
- b. remember, Timothy was called back to him to be sent to Thessalonica

3. I sent to know your faith,

a. lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, 2Co 11:3, 28

i. the tempter – Satan – Mt 4:3

ii. **peirazo** - to test (objectively), i.e. endeavor, scrutinize, entice, discipline:--assay, examine, go about, prove, tempt(-er), try.

iii. Had they endured all the tribulation, affliction

b. and our labor might be in vain.

i. **kopos** - a cut, i.e. (by analogy) toil (as reducing the strength), pains, labor, + trouble, weariness.

ii. **kenos** – empty, (in) vain, of no value - Mt 13:20-21; Ga 2:2; 4:11; Php 2:16;

E. A Pastor's Delight in His People - vs 6-8

1. But now that Timothy has come to us from you,

a. and brought us good news - **euaggelizo** - to announce good news ("evangelize") especially the gospel:--declare, bring (declare, show) glad (good) tidings, preach (the gospel).

i. of your faith

ii. Of their authentic love of the Lord which was proof of their faith – Ps 5:11; Mt 22:37-40; Jo 8:42; 13:34-35; Ro 13:8-10;

Gal 5:6, 22; 1 Pet 1:8; 1 Jo 2:5, 10; 3:14; 4:20; 5:1-3

b. and that you always have good remembrance of us,

i. they hadn't believed the false teachers

ii. greatly desiring to see us,

iii. as we also to see you-- Ac 18:1,5; Php 1:8

2. therefore, brethren,

a. in all our affliction and distress

b. we were comforted concerning you by your faith. 2Co 1:4; 7:6-7,13

3. For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord. Php 4:1

a. **steko** - to be stationary, i.e. (figuratively) to persevere:--stand (fast).

b. he exhorted them to continued resolve

c. 2Th 2:13-15 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning

chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.

F. A Pastor's Gratitude for His People - vs 9

1. For what thanks can we **render** to God for you,
 - a. spiritual progress is the work of God
 - b. Render – for - **antapodidomi** - to requite (good or evil): recompense, render, repay.
2. **for** all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God,
 - a. Impossible to return or pay back God for all the divine work that He has done - 1Th 1:2
 - b. but rejoicing in it is a good start

G. A Pastor's Intercession for His People - vs 10

1. night and day praying - 2Ti 1:3
 - a. exceedingly – **perissos** - superabundant (in quantity) or superior (in quality); excessive; violently; neuter (as noun) preeminence:--exceeding abundantly above, more abundantly, advantage, exceedingly, very highly, beyond measure, more, superfluous, vehement(-ly).
 - b. the purpose was to complete what was still necessary
2. The immediate goal of the prayer
 - a. that we may see your face –1Th 2:17;
 - b. and perfect what is lacking in your faith
 - i. thus chapters 4-5
 - ii. Ro 1:10-11; 2Co 13:9,11; Col 4:12;