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## **Lesson 8**

### **A Pastor's Heart – Part 2**

#### **1 Thessalonians 3:6-10**

##### **Day 1: A Grateful Heart (v. 6)**

1. What is Paul contrasting with the statement “but now”?
2. Were Paul’s concerns answered in this verse? Why or why not?
3. Timothy's report to Paul was “good news”. This phrase is derived from the same root as the word evangelism. How does this better help you understand Paul's joy?
4. What four things were contained in that good news?

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5. How was the Thessalonians' love demonstrated?
  - a. How can we as believers demonstrate our love for the Lord?
  - b. For other believers?
  - c. For our shepherds?
  
6. The authenticity of Paul's ministry among the Thessalonians was questioned. Why would Timothy's report have encouraged Paul?





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5. How would this report from Timothy have helped Paul in his adversity?

### Day 3: The Great Stand (v. 8)

1. What effect would the Thessalonians have on Paul and the men if they were standing firm?
2. What do the following verses tell us about how to “stand firm in the Lord”?
  - a. 1 Corinthians 16:13
  - b. Galatians 5:1
  - c. Ephesians 6:11-14

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d. Philippians 1:27

e. 2 Thessalonians 2:15

3. How did the Thessalonians show that they were standing firm?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Timothy had been sent to the Thessalonians to encourage them. Here we see how they in turn have been an encouragement to Paul. Find two other verses that speak of the importance of encouragement among believers.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. How does the success and obedience of others encourage you?

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- a. Write out a time someone's faith has encouraged you during a time of difficulty. Be sure to thank the Lord for His shepherding care of you through that time.
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6. Is the encouragement of other believers a common practice for you? If not, what steps can you take to make it a regular habit?

### Day 4: The Great Rejoicing (v. 9)

1. Who does Paul direct his gratitude to for the good news of the Thessalonians?
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2. Even though Paul had laboured among the Thessalonians, who was causing the growth? See 1 Corinthians 3:6-7.
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3. Are there times when you take credit for the work God is doing through you instead of giving Him thanks (this could be in your job, your marriage, your mothering, or your service in the church)?







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b. Luke 18:1

c. John 15:7

d. Romans 8:26

e. Philippians 4:6

f. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

g. Hebrews 4:16

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5. What did Paul mean by “and supply what is lacking in your faith”? What was lacking in their faith? See Romans 1:11, Ephesians 4:11-13, Colossians 1:28.
  
6. In chapters 4 & 5, Paul writes to them about where their faith is lacking. What would your leaders say is lacking in your faith? What will you do to change this?

### **Dig Deeper**

1. Pray for 5 mins a day about your local church standing firm, and being a joy to both our leaders and each other.
  
2. Think of one or two people each day this week that you can thank the Lord for their obedience.
  
3. Write a note of encouragement to another believer.



