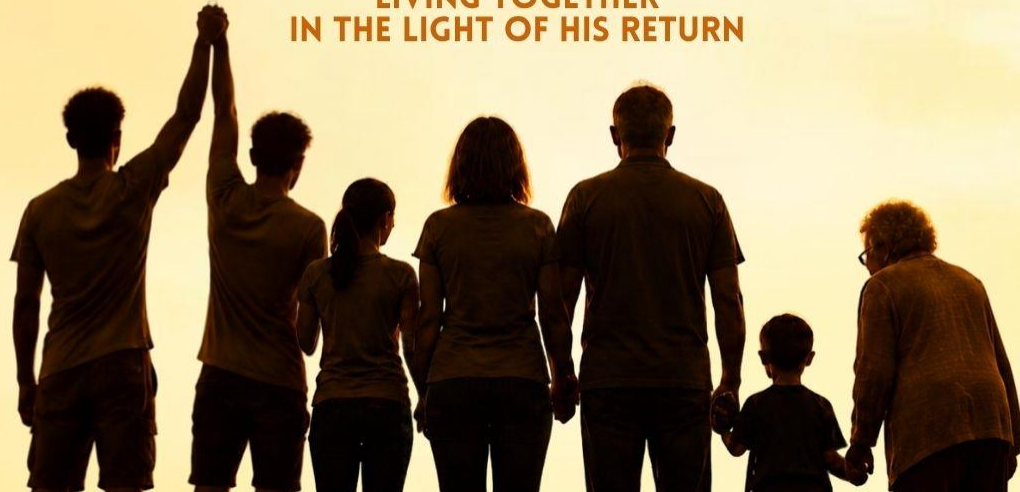


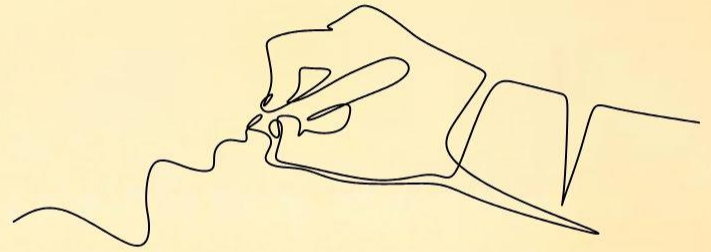


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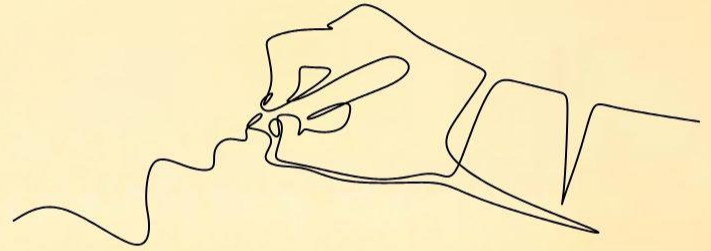


Context AUTHORS



1 THESSALONIANS 1:1 "PAUL, SILVANUS,
AND TIMOTHY, TO THE CHURCH OF
THE THESSALONIANS IN GOD THE
FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST:
GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE."

Context PAUL



1 THESS. 2:17-18 "17 BUT SINCE WE WERE TORN AWAY FROM YOU, BROTHERS, FOR A SHORT TIME, IN PERSON NOT IN HEART, WE ENDEAVORED THE MORE EAGERLY AND WITH GREAT DESIRE TO SEE YOU FACE TO FACE, 18 BECAUSE WE WANTED TO COME TO YOU—I, PAUL, AGAIN AND AGAIN—BUT SATAN HINDERED US."

1 THESS. 3:5 "FOR THIS REASON, WHEN I COULD BEAR IT NO LONGER, I SENT TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH, FOR FEAR THAT SOMEHOW THE TEMPTER HAD TEMPTED YOU AND OUR LABOR WOULD BE IN VAIN."
AND 5:27 "I PUT YOU UNDER OATH BEFORE THE LORD TO HAVE THIS LETTER READ TO ALL THE BROTHERS."

Context

SETTING: BIG PICTURE

PAUL'S 2ND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

MACEDONIAN PORTION

AT LEAST 3-6 WEEK STAY IN THESSOLONICA

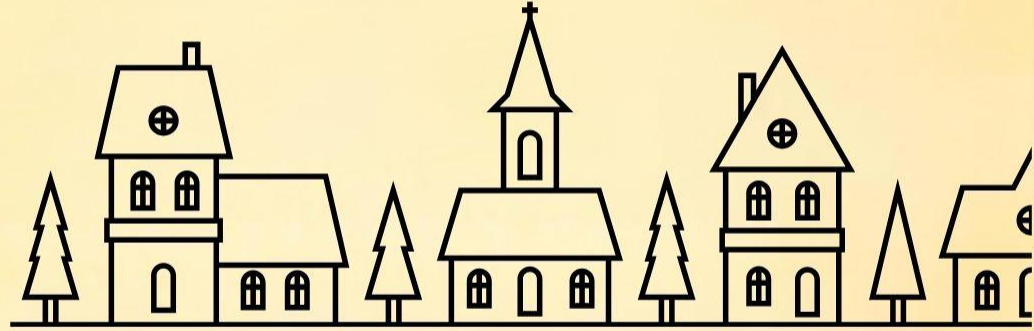
DRIVEN OUT TO BEREA AND CORINTH

WITHIN THE YEAR PAUL SENDS TIMOTHY BACK WITH LETTER



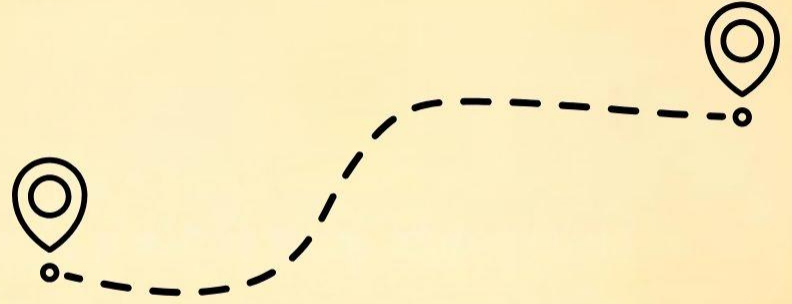


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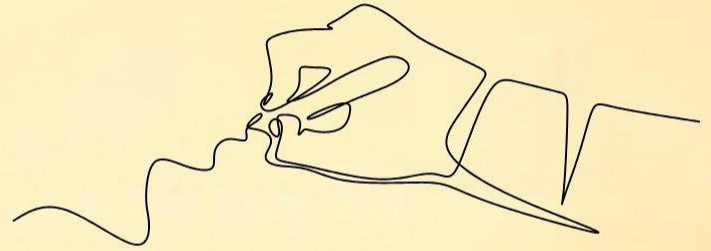
ACTS 17:1-5A "NOW WHEN THEY HAD PASSED THROUGH AMPHIPOLIS AND APOLLONIA, THEY CAME TO THESSALONICA, WHERE THERE WAS A SYNAGOGUE OF THE JEWS. 2 AND PAUL WENT IN, AS WAS HIS CUSTOM, AND ON THREE SABBATH DAYS HE REASONED WITH THEM FROM THE SCRIPTURES, 3 EXPLAINING AND PROVING THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE CHRIST TO SUFFER AND TO RISE FROM THE DEAD, AND SAYING, "THIS JESUS, WHOM I PROCLAIM TO YOU, IS THE CHRIST." 4 AND SOME OF THEM WERE PERSUADED AND JOINED PAUL AND SILAS, AS DID A GREAT MANY OF THE DEVOUT GREEKS AND NOT A FEW OF THE LEADING WOMEN. 5 BUT THE JEWS WERE JEALOUS, AND TAKING SOME WICKED MEN OF THE RABBLE, THEY FORMED A MOB, SET THE CITY IN AN UPROAR..."

Context SETTING



ACTS 17:10-15 "10 THE BROTHERS IMMEDIATELY SENT PAUL AND SILAS AWAY BY NIGHT TO BEREA , AND WHEN THEY ARRIVED THEY WENT INTO THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE. 11 NOW THESE JEWS WERE MORE NOBLE THAN THOSE IN THESSALONICA; THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH ALL EAGERNESS, EXAMINING THE SCRIPTURES DAILY TO SEE IF THESE THINGS WERE SO....13 BUT WHEN THE JEWS FROM THESSALONICA LEARNED THAT THE WORD OF GOD WAS PROCLAIMED BY PAUL AT BEREA ALSO, THEY CAME THERE TOO, AGITATING AND STIRRING UP THE CROWDS. 14 THEN THE BROTHERS IMMEDIATELY SENT PAUL OFF ON HIS WAY TO THE SEA, BUT SILAS AND TIMOTHY REMAINED THERE. 15 THOSE WHO CONDUCTED PAUL BROUGHT HIM AS FAR AS ATHENS, AND AFTER RECEIVING A COMMAND FOR SILAS AND TIMOTHY TO COME TO HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THEY DEPARTED."

Context SETTING



1 THESS. 3:1-2 "THEREFORE WHEN WE COULD BEAR IT NO LONGER, WE WERE WILLING TO BE LEFT BEHIND AT ATHENS ALONE, 2 AND WE SENT TIMOTHY, OUR BROTHER AND GOD'S COWORKER IN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, TO ESTABLISH AND EXHORT YOU IN YOUR FAITH..."

ACTS 18:1, 5 "1 AFTER THIS PAUL LEFT ATHENS AND WENT TO CORINTH....5 WHEN SILAS AND TIMOTHY ARRIVED FROM MACEDONIA..."

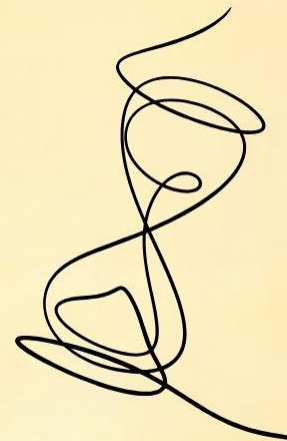
1 THESS. 3:6 "BUT NOW THAT TIMOTHY HAS COME TO US FROM YOU..."

Context TIME

ACTS 18:12 "BUT
WHEN GALLIO WAS
PROCONSUL OF
ACHAIA..."



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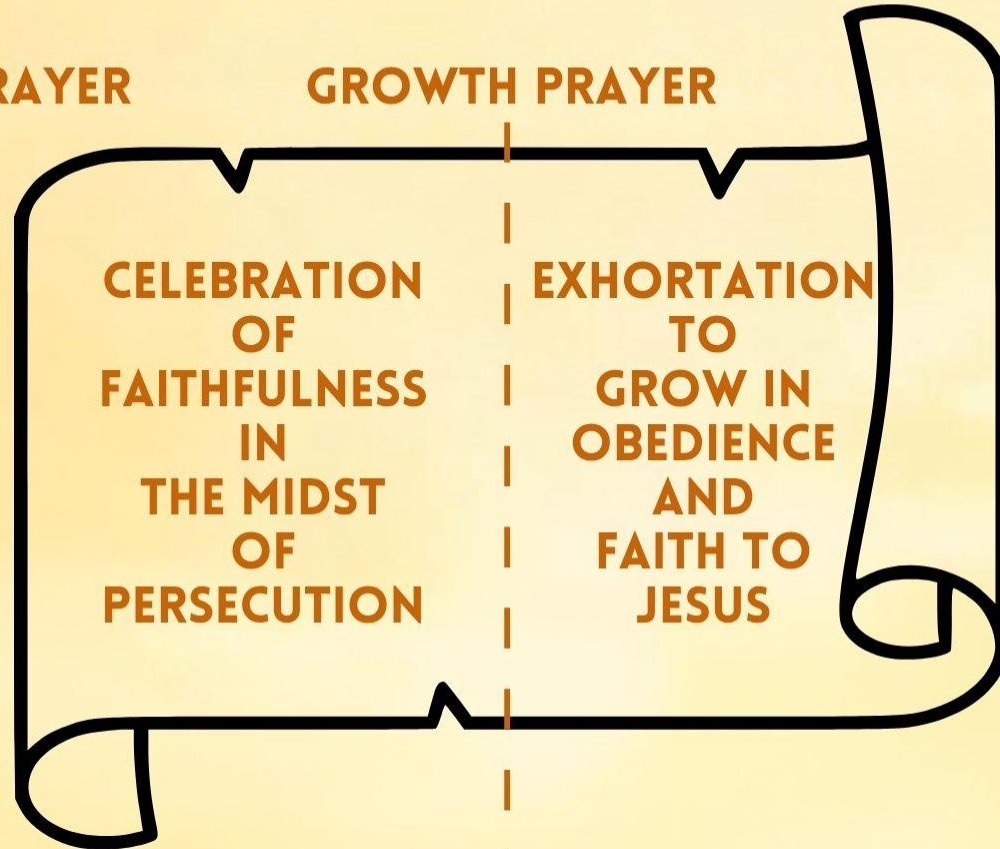
**ABOUT 20 YEARS
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Themes: STRUCTURE

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GROWTH PRAYER

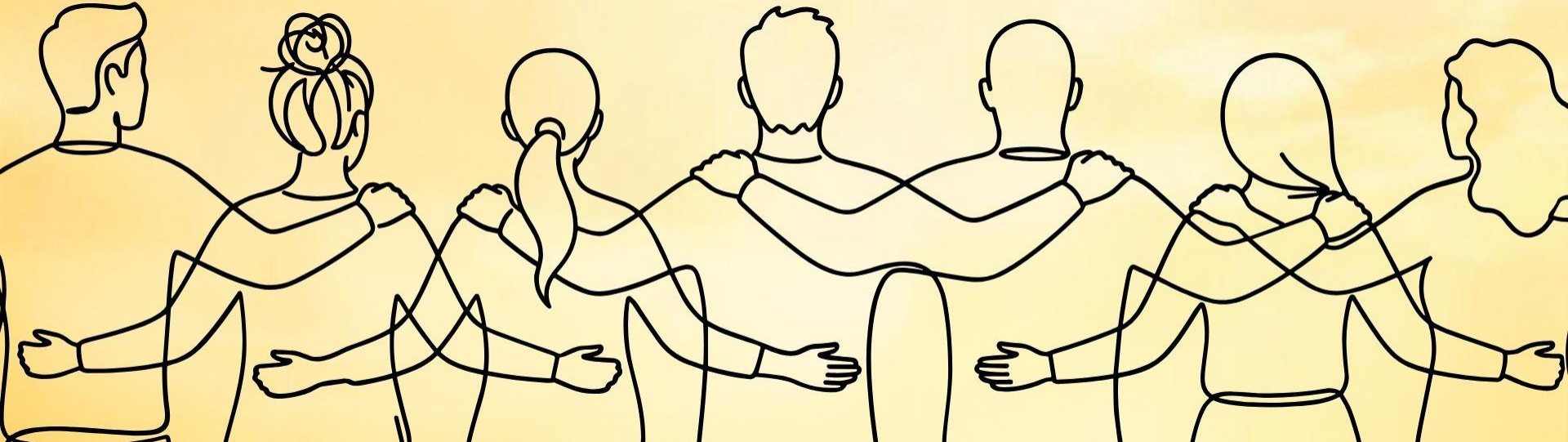
PEACE PRAYER



Themes

HOW TO LIVE TOGETHER

"BROTHER(S)" USED 19 TIMES IN 1 THESSALONIANS



Themes

HOW TO LIVE TOGETHER

COVENANT COMMUNITY IS THE LOCAL FAMILY OF FAITH, MUTUALLY COMMITTED TO BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS IN HUMBLE FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE.



Covenant COMMUNITY

1. COVENANT COMMUNITY IS A UNITED FAMILY
(SEE EPHESIANS 2:18-22, 4:1-6, 25)
2. COVENANT COMMUNITY COMMITS TO MUTUAL LOVE
(SEE JOHN 13:34-35)
3. COVENANT COMMUNITY EXHORTS ONE ANOTHER
(SEE GALATIANS 6:1-2, HEBREWS 3:13)
4. COVENANT COMMUNITY GROWS TOGETHER
(SEE COLOSSIANS 3:16, HEBREWS 10:24-25)
5. COVENANT COMMUNITY PRACTICES HOLINESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY
(SEE MATTHEW 18:15-17, JAMES 5:16, 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-13)
6. COVENANT COMMUNITY HUMBLING ITSELF UNDER GODLY LEADERSHIP
(SEE HEBREWS 13:17, 1 PETER 5:1-5)
7. COVENANT COMMUNITY WORSHIPS AND LIVES ON MISSION TOGETHER
(SEE ACTS 2:42-47, MATTHEW 28:18-20)

Themes IN THE LIGHT OF HIS RETURN

CHRIST'S RETURN IS MENTIONED IN EVERY CHAPTER OF 1 THESSALONIANS AND THE FIRST TWO CHAPTERS OF 2 THESSALONIANS

ACTS 17:6-7 "6...THESE MEN WHO HAVE TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN HAVE COME HERE ALSO, 7 ... AND THEY ARE ALL ACTING AGAINST THE DECREES OF CAESAR, SAYING THAT THERE IS ANOTHER KING, JESUS."





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