

SERMON NOTES

COMMUNITY OF LOVE
1 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13
OCTOBER 18, 2026
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l. _____ the life and faith of so many in the Kingdom of Jesus. (6-8)

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage? *Celebrate the life and faith of so many in the Kingdom of Jesus; Approach the throne with thanksgiving and prayer for the family of God; May God guide us and establish us all for His glory.*

INFORM THE HEAD/STIR THE HEART

Please read 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13 and answer the following questions:

1. According to verses 6-8, please explain the things that comforted Paul's distress and affliction? Why do you think those were a comfort to Paul, especially in light of verses 1-5?

2. Please describe what it means to "stand fast in the Lord". What are other things people tend to "stand fast" in and what are the dangers of standing fast in anything other than the Lord?

3. In verse 6 Paul spoke of being comforted by the believers' faith, but in verse 10 he said he prayed to be able to come and see them to "supply what is lacking in your faith." What does this tell you about how we progress in faith over time?

4. Please read Hebrews 11:1, 6 for a definition of faith. What do you think are things we lack in faith that need to grow based on this definition?

5. For verses 11-13, please list the verbs (action words) and who is doing the action. What does this tell you about God's role and our role in our walk our purpose and relationship with the Lord?

6. Please list the references to prayer in verses 9-13. What do these references teach you about the purposes of prayer?

7. Verse 13 starts with a purpose statement, "so that." What is God's purpose for bringing Paul to the believers and for increasing their love for one another? What does this tell you about the heart of God?

CHALLENGE THE WILL

What is one thing from this passage that you will apply to your life—in your actions, thoughts, or desires—to better center your worship on the Lord?

WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, October 19 // Romans 1:8-17
Unashamed of the Gospel

Tuesday, October 20 // 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
Stand Firm in the Teaching

Wednesday, October 21 // Colossians 1:3-14
Your Faith and Love

Thursday, October 22 // Colossians 2:1-10
Walk in Him

Friday, October 23 // 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Holy Pursuit