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Sermon Guide Notes: April 19, 2026

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Sermon Notes Guide: Faith That Echoes – The Thessalonians Model
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1

Short version

The Thessalonian church shows us that a grace-filled life, that can be imitated, provides bold witness, and—spreads the gospel like a trumpet blast, turning idol-worshippers to the living God.

Sermon Outline

I. Grace and Peace: The Foundation of Christian Life (vv. 1-2)

- Paul, Silas, and Timothy thank God for this young church (born in just weeks!).
- Peace flows only from grace (Num. 6:24-26)
- ; pray for both!

II. Evidences of True Faith: Work, Labor, Patience (v. 3)

- "Show and tell" church: Faith works, love labors, hope endures.
- Unlike flawed churches (Corinthians, Galatians, Colossians), Thessalonians excelled!

III. Elected by God, Empowered by the Gospel (vv. 4-5)

- Sovereign election via foreknowledge (Rom. 8:29)
- ; "All who will may enter" (Spurgeon).
- Gospel not in word only, but power, Holy Spirit, full assurance—changes lives!

IV. Imitators Who Inspire: From Followers to Examples (vv. 6-8)

- Became "imitators" (mimētēs, mimics) of Paul and the Lord amid affliction—with joy!



- Faith "sounded forth" like a trumpet via Thessalonica's trade routes—viral testimonies!

V. Radical Turn: From Idols to the Living God (vv. 9-10)

- Turned from polytheism to serve the true God; Jesus demands all or nothing!
- Wait for His Son from heaven—our Deliverer from wrath to come (rapture hope).

3 Action Steps

Imitate Christ through godly examples (like Paul—1 Cor. 11:1)
; let your walk match your talk.

Share your testimony boldly—your changed life is the gospel's best tool!

Turn from idols and wait expectantly for Jesus' return; make Him Lord of all.

Read ahead for next week: 1 Thessalonians 2

Thank you for being here this Sunday—your presence encourages us all! Invite a friend next week, and remember the National Day of Prayer event on May 7 in the parking lot!

—let's unite in seeking God's face, together, OUT LOUD!

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