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Sermon Guide Notes: April 26, 2026

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1 Thessalonians 1

One-Sentence Sermon

Paul praises the young Thessalonian church's exemplary faith, love, and hope amid affliction, motivating us to thrive as rapture-ready witnesses through joyful imitation of Christ.

Sermon Outline

I. Greeting & Constant Thanks (vv. 1-4)

Team: Paul (Gentile Apostle), Timothy (Disciple Pastor), Silvanus (Jerusalem Leader).

Grace precedes Peace: Peace with God / Peace of God.

"Work of faith, labor of love, patience of hope" (v. 3).

Triad Signs: Saving (Faith), Serving (Love), Sustaining (Hope).

Election Sure by: Fruit (2 Pet 1:10 ; 2 Cor 13:5)

"Not in word only, but... power, Holy Spirit, assurance" (v. 5).

Validates by good fruit (Matt 7:17)

Paul: Beaten but worth it—for your sake.



II. Joyful Followers & Examples in Affliction (vv. 6-7)

"Followers of us and the Lord... affliction with joy of Holy Spirit" (v. 6).

Imitate: Me as I imitate Christ (1 Cor 11:1)

Trials Produce: Patience / Completeness (James 1:2-4)

Typoi (τύποι): Patterns / Metal Stamp for Macedonia/Achaia (v. 7; 2 Thess 1:4)

III. Viral Witness Sounding Forth (v. 8)

"Word... sounded forth... faith gone out everywhere" (v. 8).

Light on Hill: Matt 5:14-15

Fragrance: 2 Cor 2:14

IV. Turned from Idols to Wait Expectantly (vv. 9-10)

"Turned to God from idols... wait for... Jesus who delivers from wrath" (vv. 9-10).

People See: Work Faith / Labor Love / Patience Hope.

Thriving Why? Vibrant rapture expectation (end of all 5 chapters)!

Closing: Thriving Like Thessalonica

1. Which element (faith/love/hope) needs igniting in you?
2. How can you be a "typoi" example this week?
3. What idols must you turn from to wait expectantly?
4. Share: A time affliction produced joy.

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Have a great week—Ignite Your Faith! 🔥

Prayer: Lord, ignite our faith today; make us examples in trials. Amen.



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