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Sermon Guide Notes: May 31, 2026

Sermon Notes
“Established Through The Storm”
1 Thessalonians 3:1-13
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I. A SHEPHERD'S CONCERN FOR THE FLOCK

Verses 1-2

II. THE REALITY OF AFFLICTION

Verses 3-4

III. THE ENEMY'S STRATEGY

Verse 5

IV. THE JOY OF FAITHFUL BELIEVERS

Verses 6-8

V. THE POWER OF PERSISTENT PRAYER

Verses 9-10



VI. PAUL'S THREEFOLD PRAYER

Verses 11-13

THIS WEEK'S ACTION STEPS

1. **EXAMINE YOUR FAITH** (Vs. 1-5)

Paul's greatest concern was not their comfort, but their faith.

Ask yourself:

- Am I trusting God in my current trial?
- Have my circumstances strengthened my faith or weakened it?
- Am I listening more to God's promises or my fears?

Don't just ask, "How am I doing?" Ask, "How is my faith doing?"

2. **STAY CONNECTED TO GOD'S PEOPLE** (Vs 6-8)

One of the encouraging marks of the Thessalonian church was their love and desire for fellowship.

This week:

- Reach out to another believer.
- Encourage someone who may be struggling.
- Pray with someone.
- Don't isolate yourself.

The enemy often attacks isolated believers. God strengthens us through Christian Community.

3. **GROWING FORWARD, NOT JUST SURVIVAL** (Vs 11-13)

Paul's prayer was not merely that they survive affliction.

His prayer was that they grow in love and holiness.

This week ask:

- Where is God growing me?
- How can I show Christlike love to someone?
- What area of my life needs greater holiness?



God isn't just trying to get you through the trial.
He's using the trial to make you more like Jesus.

Thank you for attending today, and to all of you who supported the Spaghetti dinner to help with our "Night to Shine" event we also thank you. Please be in prayer for our Elder process we are in for this second and final week. Pray for the men we have vetted and believe the Lord has set apart for the position of Elder here at CC-GC.

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Pastor Josiah and I thank you much!

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