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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. In 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, Paul compares his love for the Thessalonians to that of a mother caring for her children. How does this imagery challenge or deepen your understanding of Christian love?
2. Paul emphasizes gentleness in his approach to the Thessalonians. How can we practice gentleness in our relationships, especially when addressing difficult issues?
3. What are some practical ways we can "share our lives" with others in addition to sharing the gospel?
4. Paul worked tirelessly to avoid being a burden to others. How can we balance serving others sacrificially while also setting healthy boundaries?
5. In what ways can we demonstrate selfless love in a world that often promotes self-interest and personal gain?
6. Paul's love for the Thessalonians was active and sacrificial. What are some specific ways we can love others in a way that costs us something?
7. How do you personally respond when faced with the need to sacrifice your own comfort or convenience for the sake of others?
8. What role does patience play in loving others well, and how can we grow in patience in our relationships?
9. How does Paul's example in this passage reflect the love of Christ, and how can we apply this to our daily lives?