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1 Thessalonians 3:6-9

Sermon Notes | Jeff Randleman | May 4, 2025

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– 1 Thessalonians 3:8 (ESV)

Timothy's report brought Paul joy.

Timothy reported on their faith.

Timothy reported on their love.

Timothy reported on their affection.

Paul's response.

Paul was comforted by their faith.

Their faith was life-giving.

Paul responded by rejoicing.

Prayer (next week)

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What specific things did Timothy report to Paul about the Thessalonian believers, and why was that news so encouraging to Paul?
2. How does Paul's reaction in verse 8—"For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord"—reveal the depth of his affection and love?
3. What does this passage teach us about the emotional and spiritual connection between believers in Christ?
4. Why do you think Paul was so concerned about the Thessalonians' faith after he left them? How might this reflect the challenges of being a new believer in a hostile environment?
5. In what ways have you been encouraged by hearing about someone else's faith and perseverance in Christ?
6. Have you ever experienced joy or spiritual renewal by seeing someone grow in their faith? Share that experience.
7. What does this passage suggest about the importance of checking in on one another's spiritual well-being?
8. What role does mutual love and remembrance play in strengthening the faith of a Christian community, according to this passage?
9. How can your own faithfulness serve as a source of encouragement to someone else in your life this week?