

Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13
Topics: Affliction, Discipleship, Faith, Love
Series: 1 Thessalonians: Exemplary?

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Exemplary Faith

Paul was a disciple-maker!

I. The Concern (1-5)

A disciple-maker is concerned about things that might cause their disciple to retreat in their faith.

II. The Comfort (6-10)

A disciple-maker rejoices when their disciple perseveres in their faith.

III. The Commitment (11-13)

A disciple-maker never loses desire to help their disciple grow in their faith.

The faith that matters most is faith in the gospel of Christ.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Skim over 1 Thessalonians chapter 2. What do you see that identifies Paul as a disciple-maker?

2. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5. What does Paul write that reveals he was very concerned about the Thessalonians?

What were his concerns? What did he do?

Can you think of a new or immature believer whose faith you were concerned about because of what they were experiencing? Or was there someone concerned about you early in your faith? What happened?

3. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:6-10. What was good news to Paul? How did he describe the effect it had on him?

What does Paul still want to do with the Thessalonians? Why might this be?

Have you experienced good news, or bad news, about someone's faith that you had invested in? What was your reaction?

What disciple-making lesson might there be in this?

4. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13. What does Paul pray for? Why?

Has someone made a significant contribution to your spiritual growth? If so, what did they do, and if not, what would have helped you most?

5. Look back over this passage and study. What is the main application for you?