



Sunday Sermon Notes: June 28, 2020

Foundation of Faith – 1 Thess 3:1-13

I. My growth accelerates with the right environment – v. 1-5

- Paul sent someone trusted.
- Paul left Timothy with a three-fold Gospel mission
 - i. Establish
 - ii. Exhort
 - iii. Prepare

Recognize the enemy

II. Good news sustains me in spite of the storm - 6-8

Good news is always welcome

- In the midst our season of struggle, we have the sustaining Holy Spirit within us.
- Even if they weren't together, they weren't alone.
 - i. Be Christlike in character.
 - ii. Be willing to know and be known.
 - iii. Be loving without condemnation.
 - iv. Be kind, offering compassion whenever you can.
 - v. Be forgiving as Christ forgave you.
 - vi. Believe the best about those around you – especially about those in Christ.

III. A prayer of gratitude, hope and joy - 9-13

Gratitude and Joy are by-products of Christ's service.

Paul prays three things for the Thessalonians AND that Darin prays for us!:

- That your faith may mature
 - i. **The** power of God's Word. God's Word is light to guide me (Ps 119:105), food to nourish us (Mt 4:4) and weapon to defend me (Eph 6:17).
 - ii. A potent and active prayer life. 1 Thess 5:17)
 - iii. Serving others in Christ's name. – Jn 13:34-35
 - iv. A confident **hope** – Hebrews 10:23-25
- That their love might grow.
- That they would grow in holiness.