

# **1 THESSALONIANS**

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **BACKGROUND READING ACTS 16-17, 1 THESS CH 1-5**

### **LESSON TEXT 1 THESS CHAPTER 3**

1. At the end of 1 Thessalonians Chapter 2, Paul expresses deep emotion about his connection with the Thessalonian church. This leads to his “therefore” statement in Chapter 3:1, prompting a specific action. What did Paul’s intense feelings for the Thessalonians lead him and his companions to do, and how might this inspire us to act when we care deeply for others in our faith community?
2. How did Timothy’s journey—from a young believer in Lystra to a trusted messenger meant to strengthen the Thessalonians in 1 Thessalonians 3—demonstrate qualities we can emulate in our own faith and service? Consider his growth in faith, willingness to serve, and role in encouraging others, and share how we might support our church community in similar ways today.

3. What specifically was giving Paul's and his companions joy and what were they earnestly praying for? I would encourage you to meditate on the scene that is playing out in verses 6-10 and to try to play it in your mind as a few mins in a movie.

4. As Paul continues with his prayer to God what does he ask for and how does this relate to the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming?