

Walk In A Manner Worthy of God

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13



Acts 17



Thessalonica in Macedonia: 2nd journey



3 sabbath days



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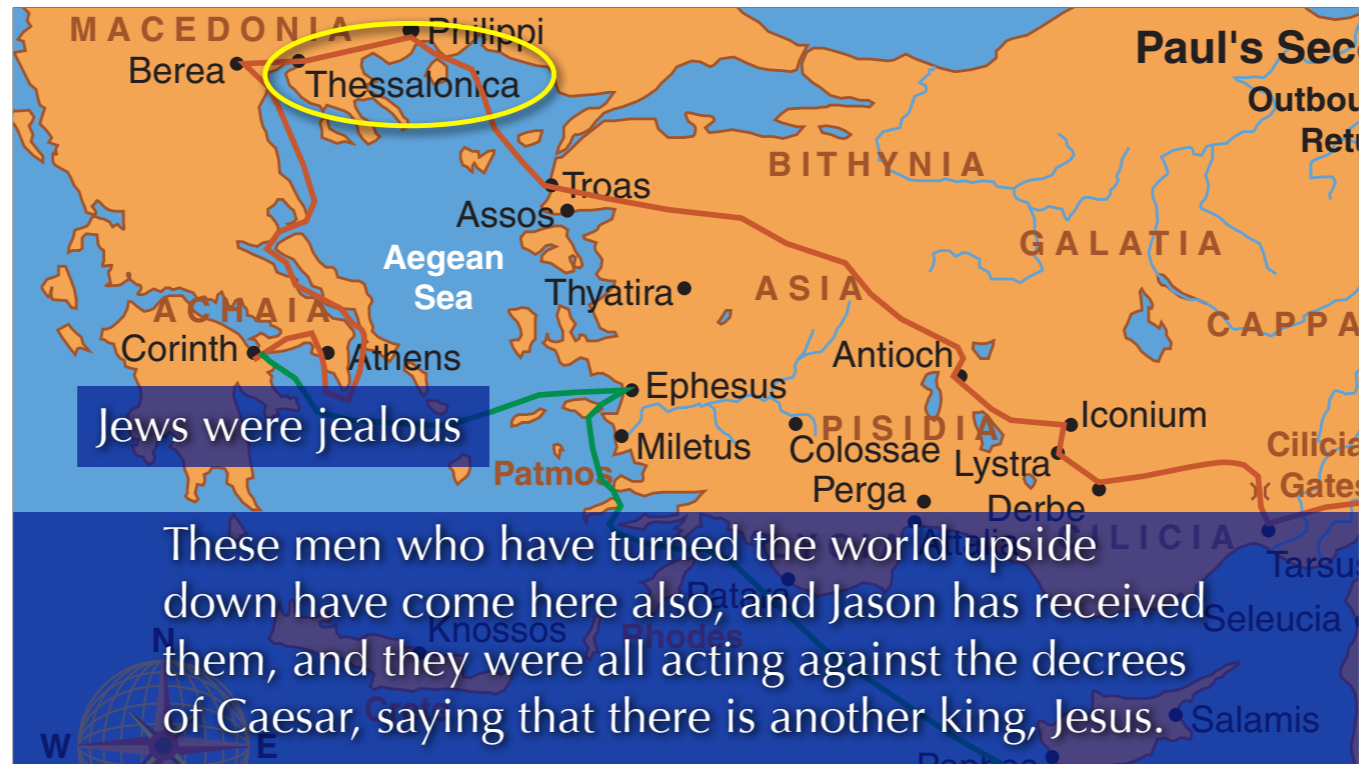
Explaining & proving the necessity of the Christ suffering and rising from the dead: Jesus is the Christ.



Acts 17:4: And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.



Acts 17:5: But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd.



Acts 17:6-9: And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, [7] and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.” [8] And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. [9] And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.



1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

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- Written from Corinth, not many months after fleeing from Thessalonica.
- After such a brief and tumultuous time in Thessalonica, Paul was obviously concerned about their continued growth in Christ...
- They need to walk worthy of their calling!
- Using himself as an example, he reminds them of how he conducted himself while he was among them.

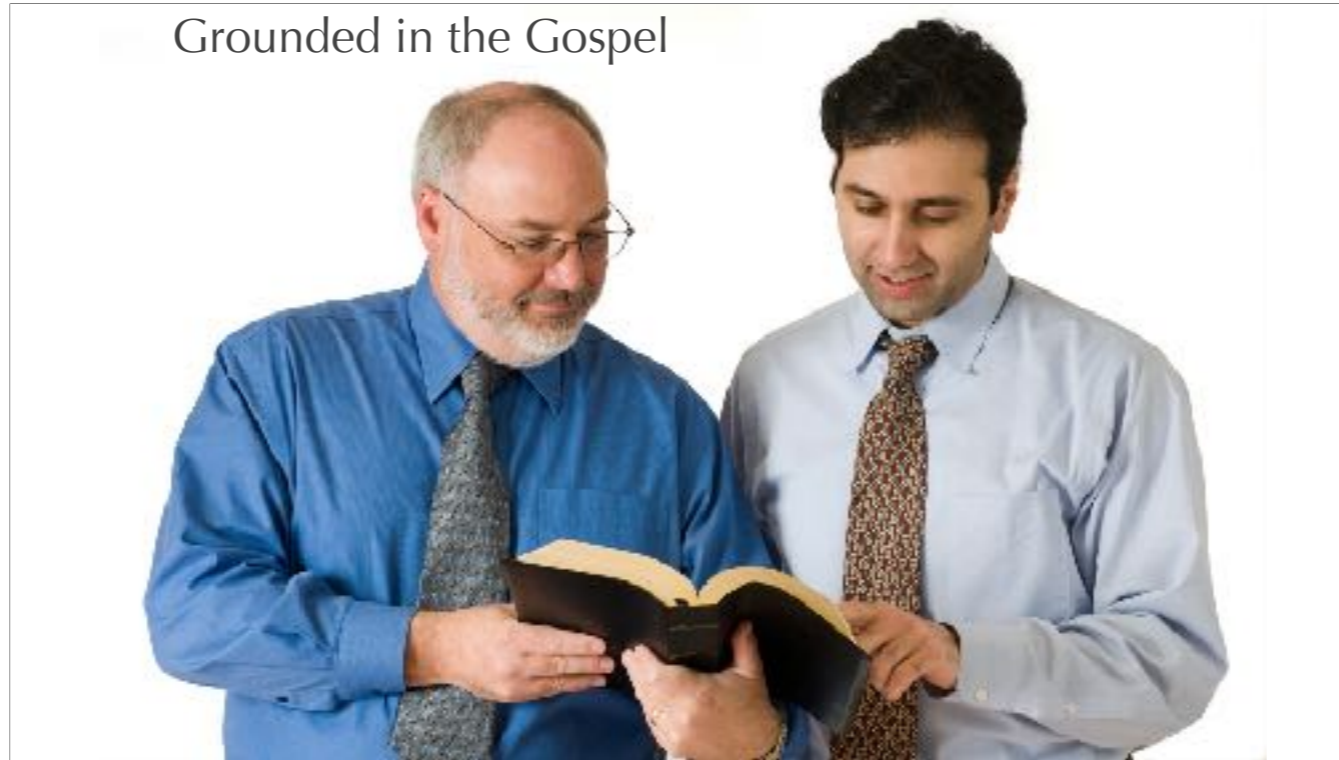


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4 principles that help us walk worthy.

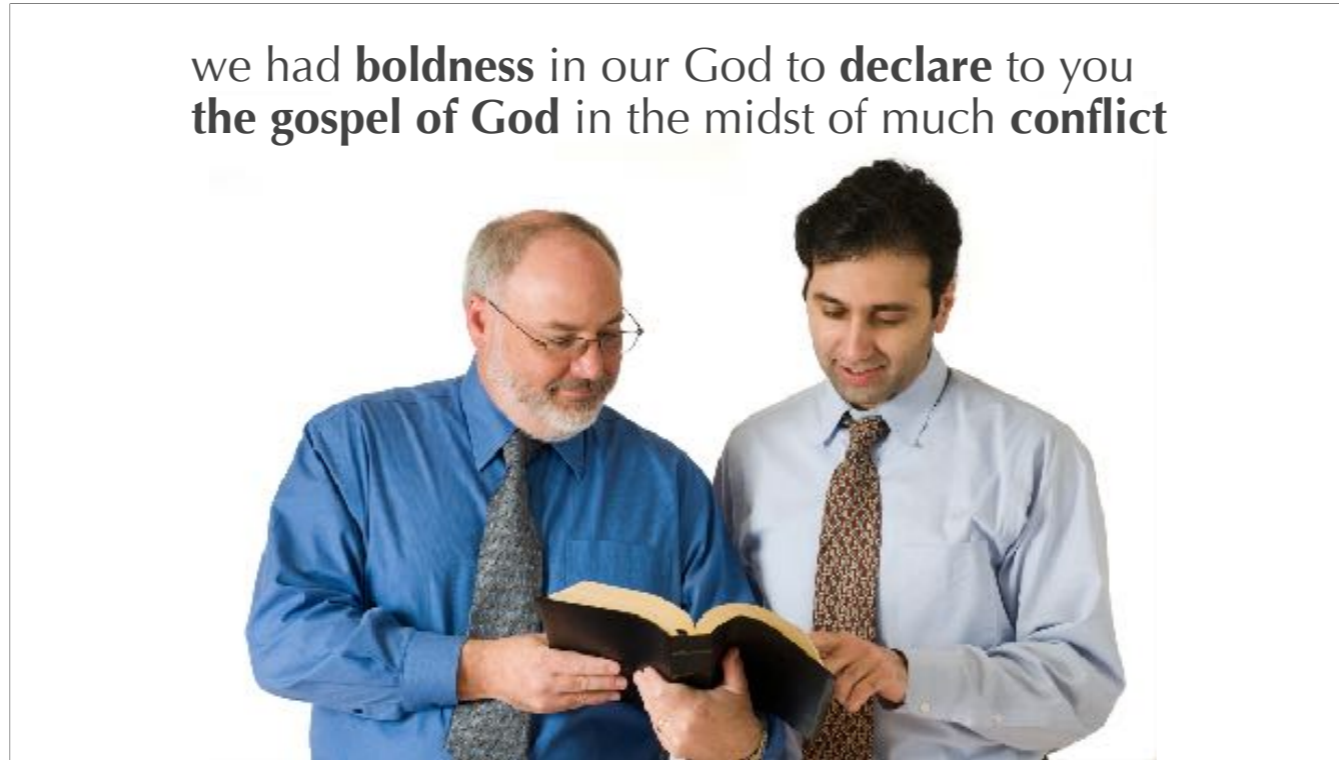
- 1) Grounded in the Gospel
- 2) Genuine
- 3) Choose Gentleness
- 4) We Work

Grounded in the Gospel



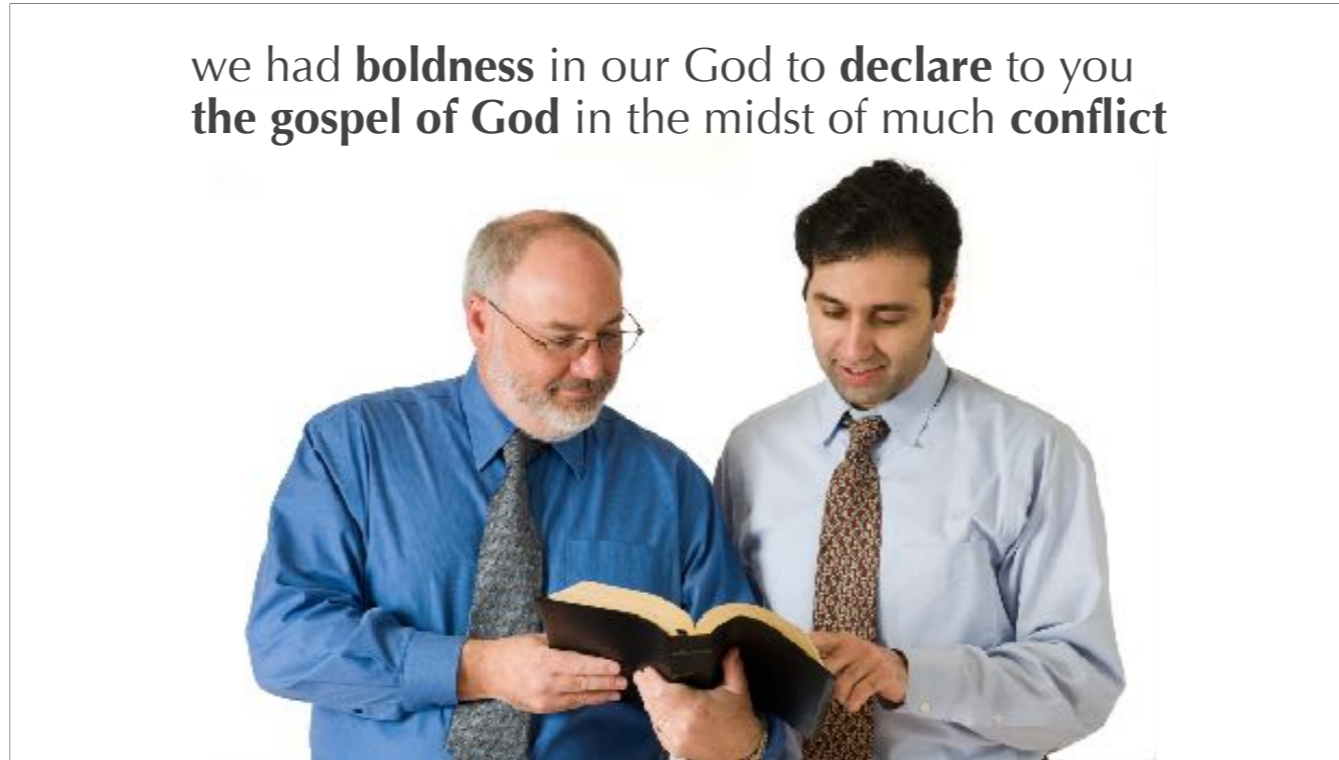
Grounded in the Gospel

we had **boldness** in our God to **declare** to you
the gospel of God in the midst of much **conflict**



- v. 2: declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict
- Jews' opposition (Acts 17.5-8): jealousy, false accusation, riot and mob.
- conflict: athletic games: outward conflict (Phil. 1:30) and inward anxiety (Col. 2:1)... here both!
- intense labor and earnestness
- exposed to great danger, peril of lives.

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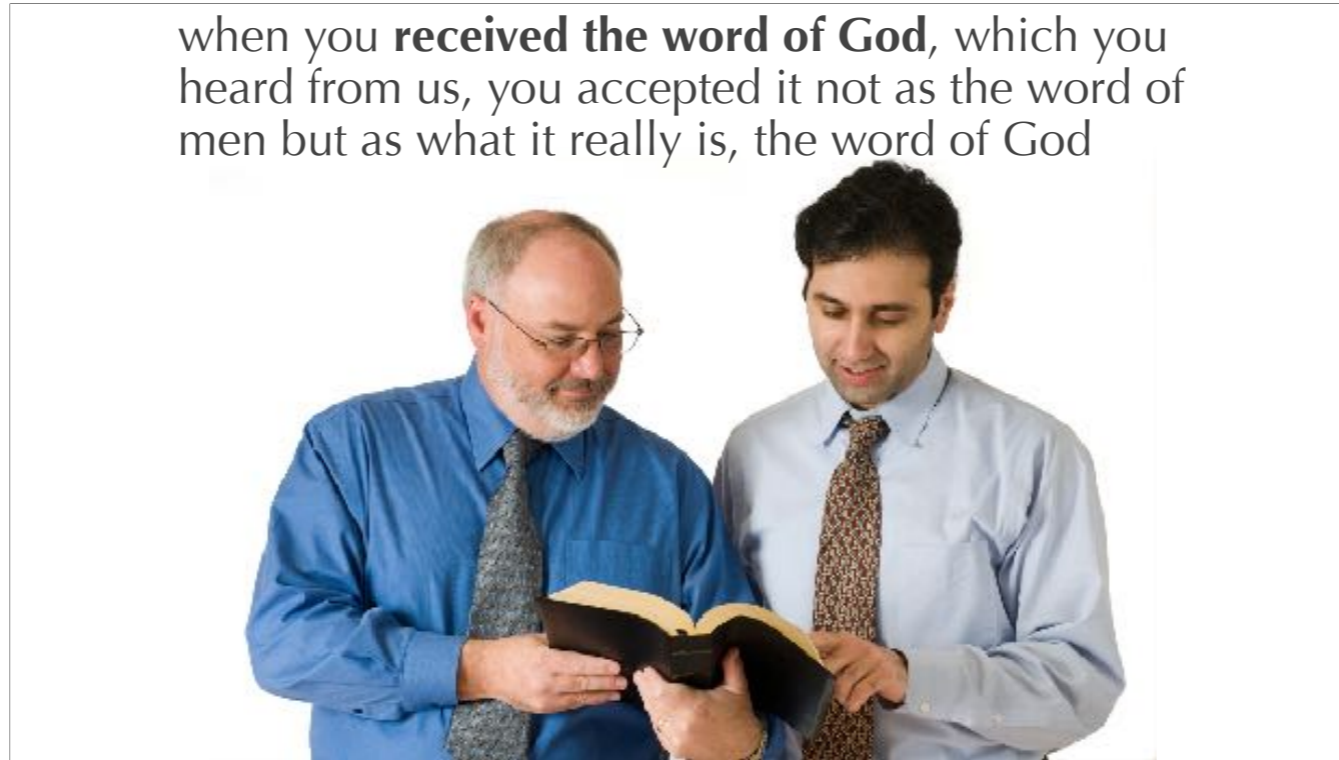
- Even when our lives are in turmoil, we must have the Gospel as the foundation of our lives!
- Paul declared gospel with boldness!
- Conflict did not diminish his reliance on the gospel, or the importance of declaring the gospel to save souls.

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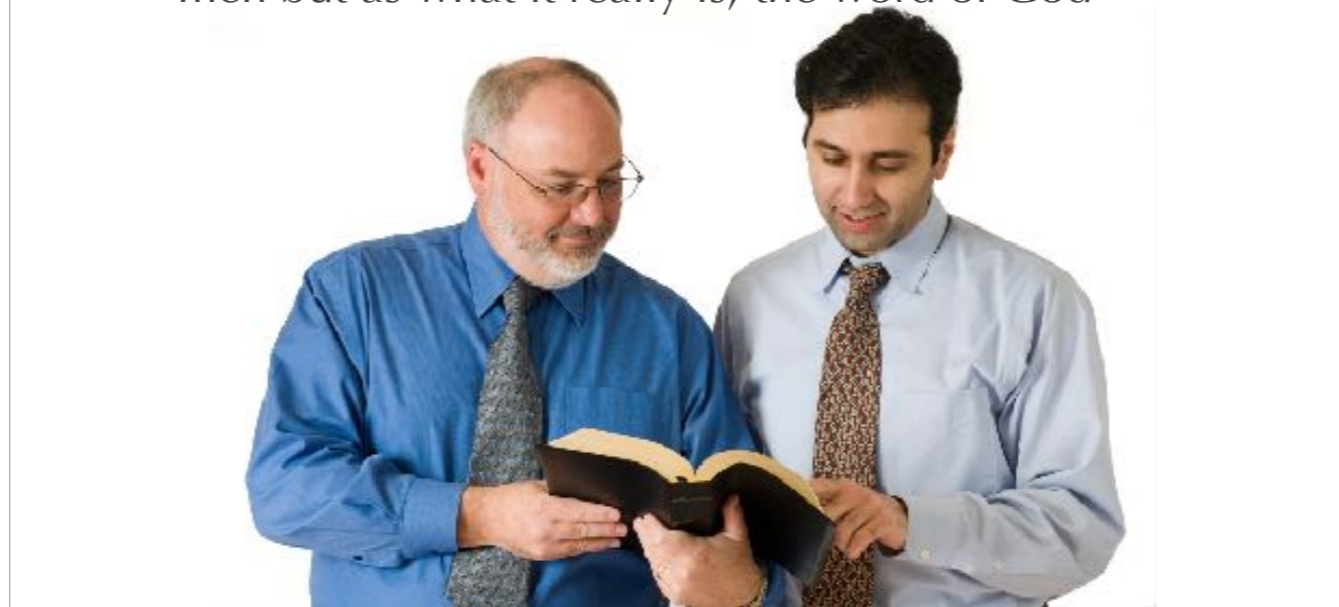
- vs. 4: entrusted with the gospel, so we speak
- Paul was focused on pleasing God, not man.
- God had put confidence in Paul to teach gospel, he was counted worthy to be the ambassador of this message!
- Do we honor God's word in the same way?
- Let's learn to be a people who speak the gospel as often as possible!

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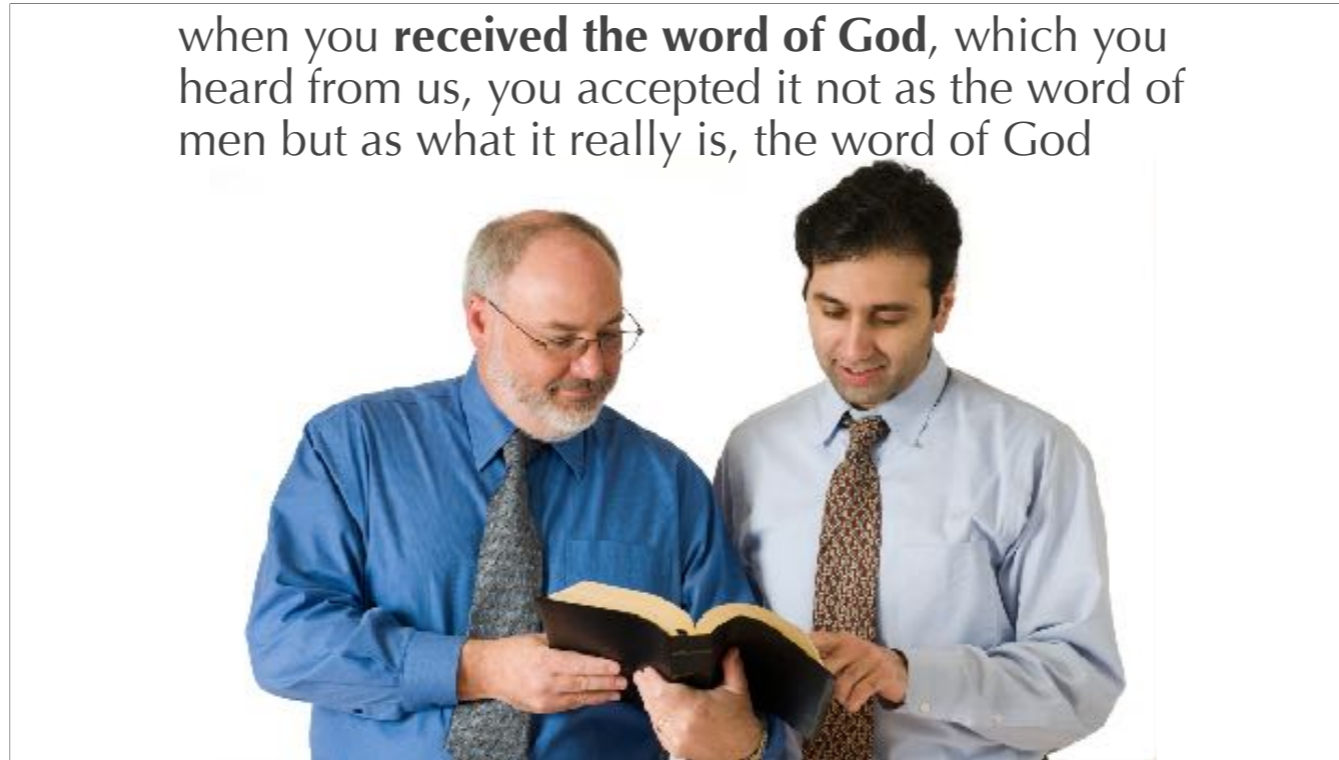
- vs. 13: received word of God... as word of God
- We live in a society that thrives on information. So much information that we often don't know what is true, right. Conflicting reports, ideas.
- The gospel is not the words of men.
- 2 Tim. 3.16: God breathed!

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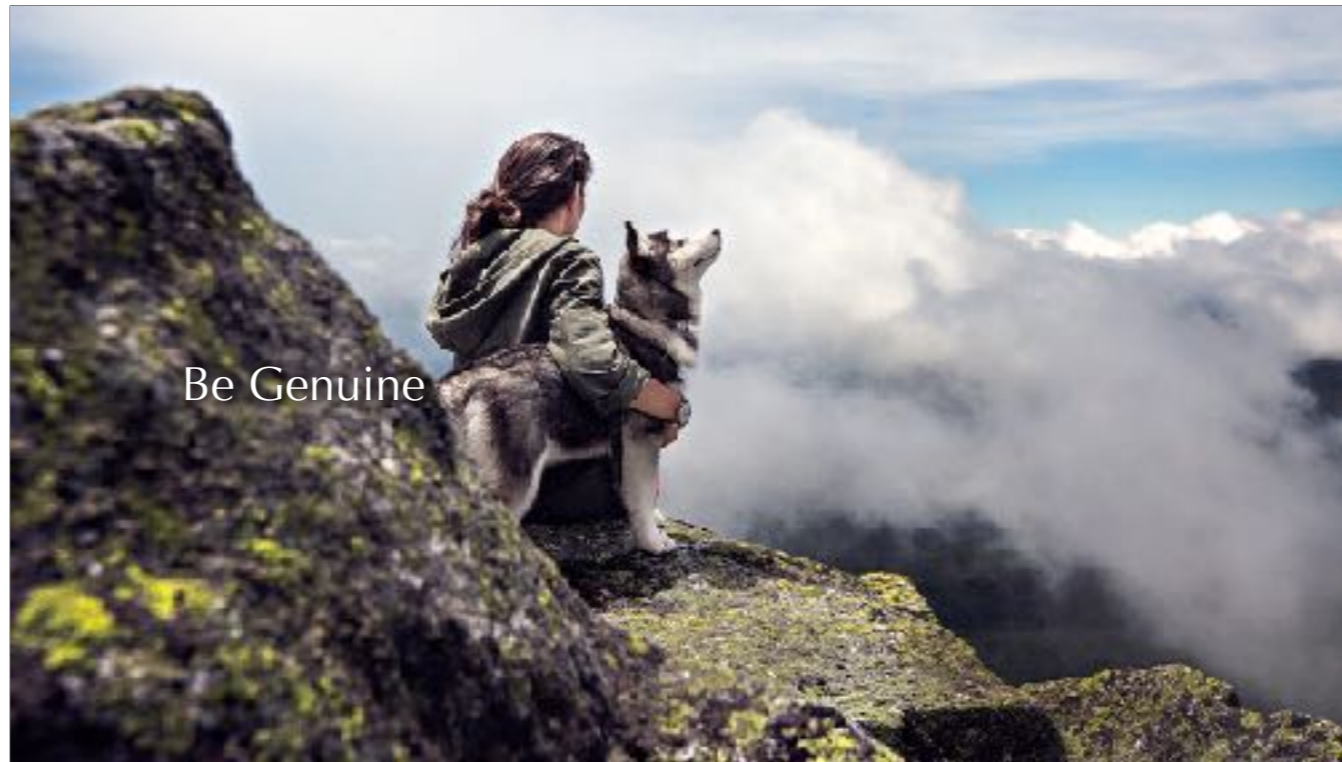


- So do you accept the word of God as being from God? How do to demonstrate that?
- Do you obey it?
- Do you turn to it for help in times of need?

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- We all need the word of God to be the firm foundation of our lives... our daily lives.
- A biblical mentality is the source of strength we need for surviving the struggles of our daily lives.
- vs. 4: God tests our hearts (self-examination in light of the truth!)
- Reading, study, meditation, prayer
- Do not let the busyness of life, the conflicts, hassles, struggles pull you away from your foundation: the Bible, the Word of God.



Genuine: vs. 3, 5-6, 10



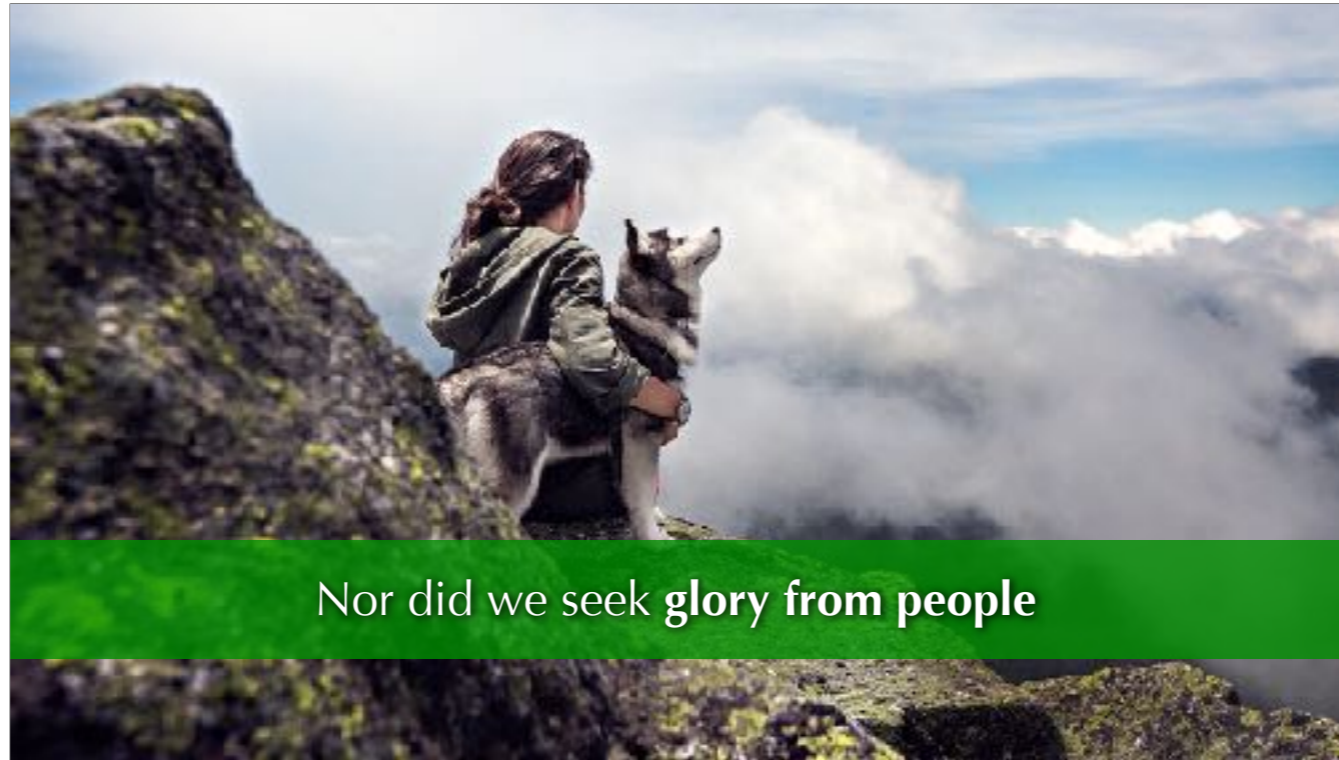
For our appeal does not spring from **error**
or **impurity** or any attempt to **deceive**

- vs. 3: appeal does not spring from error, impurity, or any attempt to deceive
- error: to lead astray
- impurity: morally pure, not given to sensuality
- attempt to deceive (guile): to catch with bait



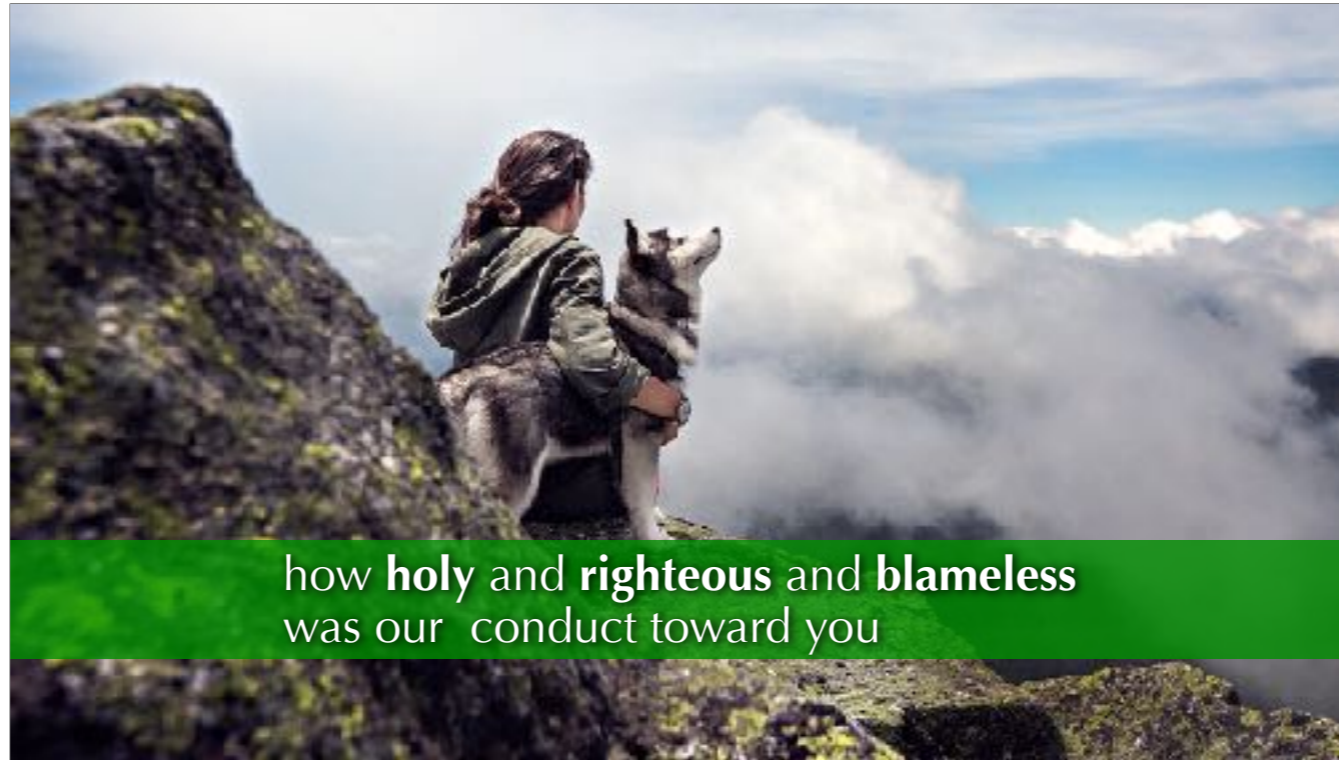
For we never came with words of **flattery**,
as you know, nor with a pretext for **greed**

- No flattery... not just that they didn't flatter to gain followers deceitfully, but also they didn't prove to be flatterers.
- No greed... self-interested accumulation; desire for more; no thought of helping others.



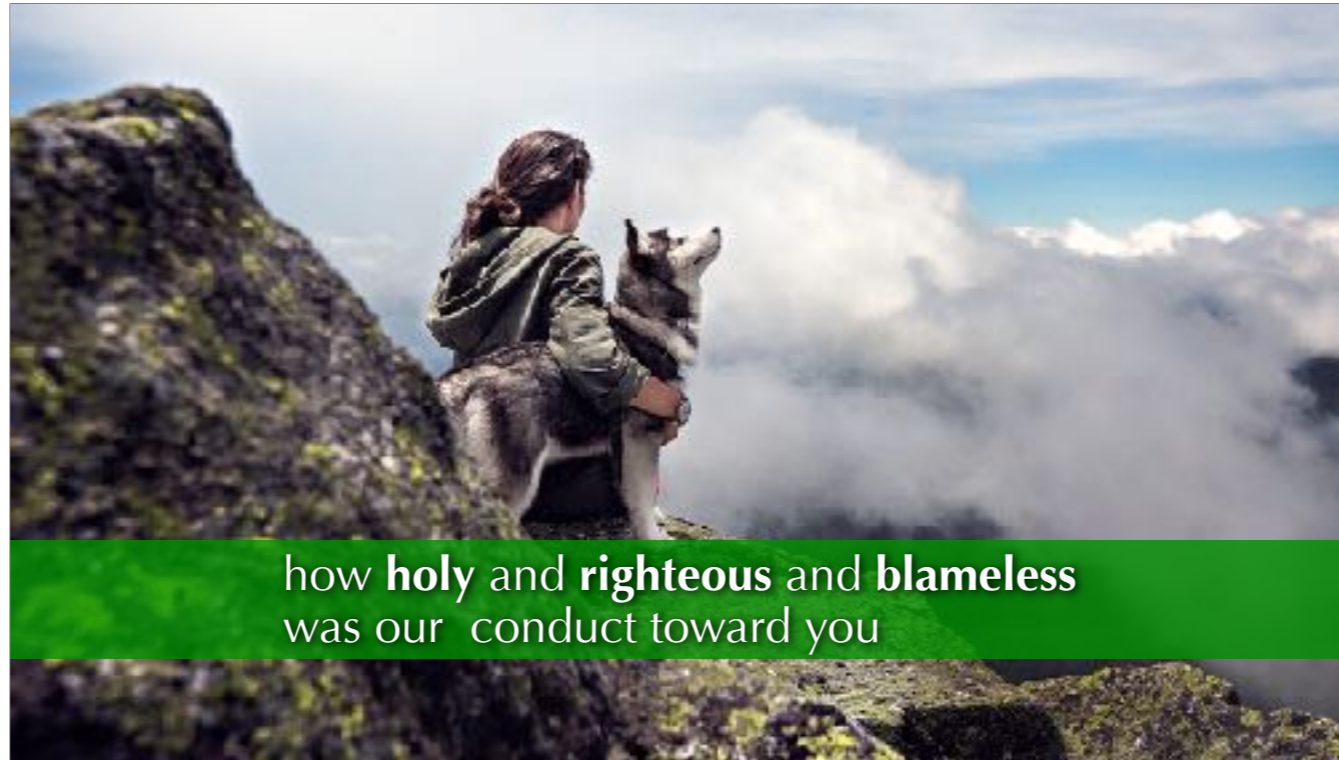
Nor did we seek **glory from people**

- vs. 6: nor did we seek glory from people
- When we seek for others to applaud us, we have lost focus on seeking God's glory.
- We will twist and pervert the message of the gospel to tickle the ears of the hearers. We long to hear the applause, the good comments.



how **holy** and **righteous** and **blameless**
was our conduct toward you

- vs. 10: You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers.
- Holy: devout, God focused
- Righteous: upright, just, obey law (not just because we have to but because of who we are! from heart)
- Blameless: no reason for censure.



how **holy** and **righteous** and **blameless**
was our conduct toward you

- We must live our lives with no schemes, plots, undercurrents, plots, conspiracies, pride.
- Completely honest living.
- Our society doesn't understand this... lying is useful, beneficial, expected: all truth has become relative.



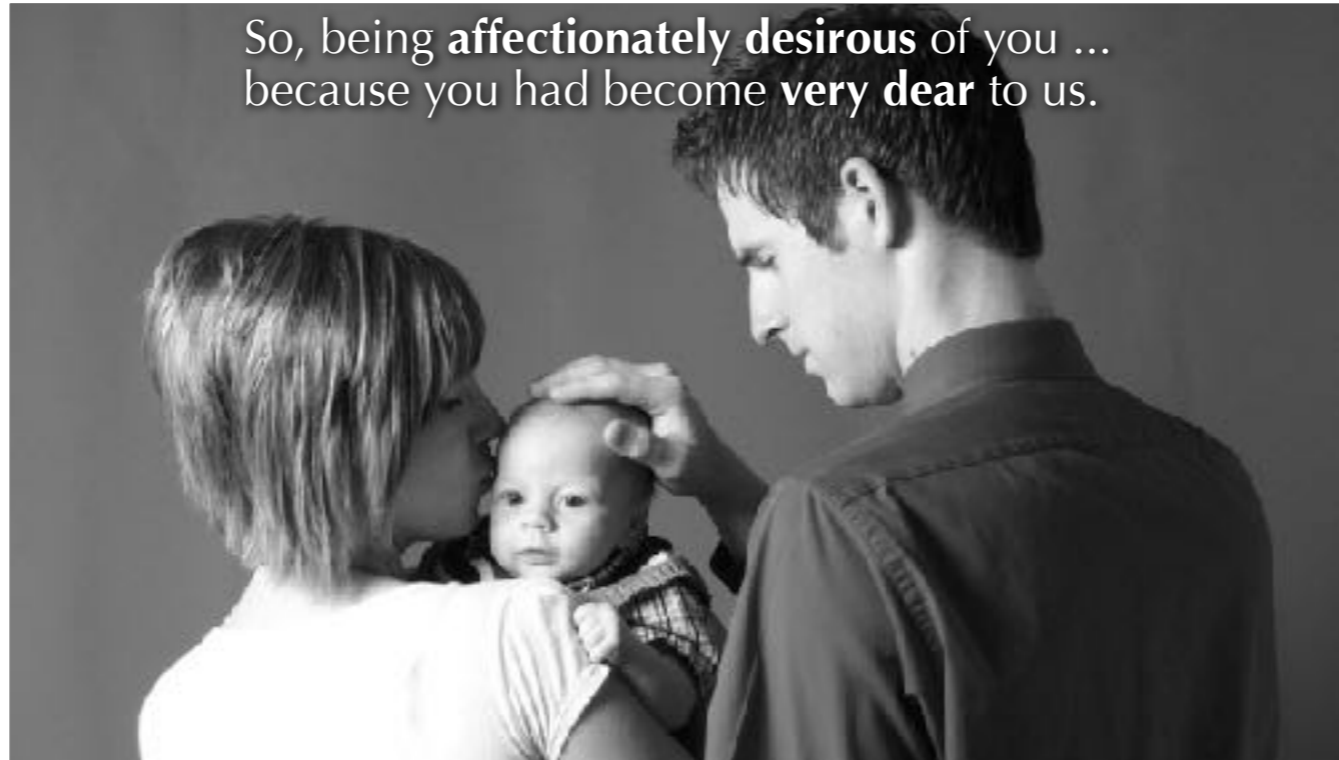
- Choose Gentleness (vs. 7-11)
- two examples of gentleness... remember the conflict that Paul faced in Thessalonica.
- Despite all that hostility, he was gentle to these young believers!

But we were gentle among you, **like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.**



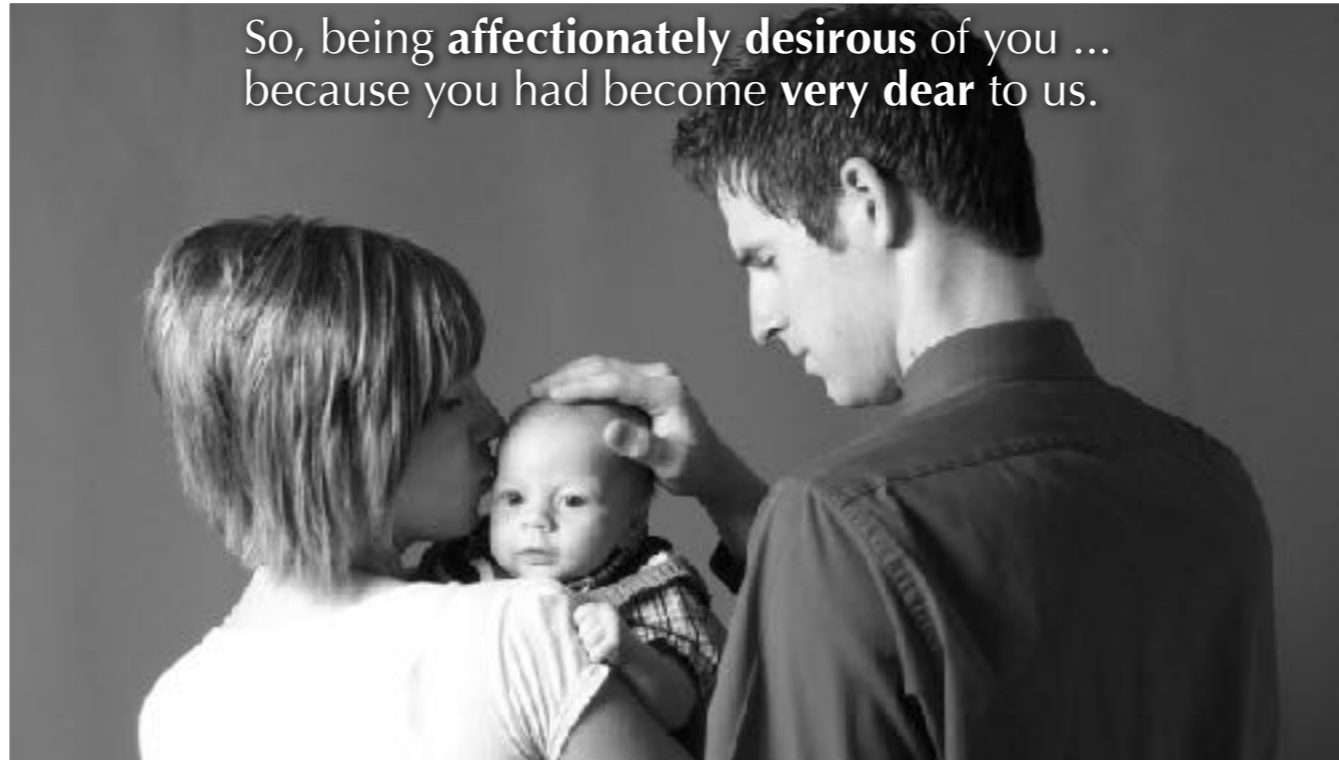
- 1 Thessalonians 2:7: But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.
- Taking care (cherish): to keep warm, tender love.

So, being **affectionately desirous** of you ...
because you had become **very dear** to us.



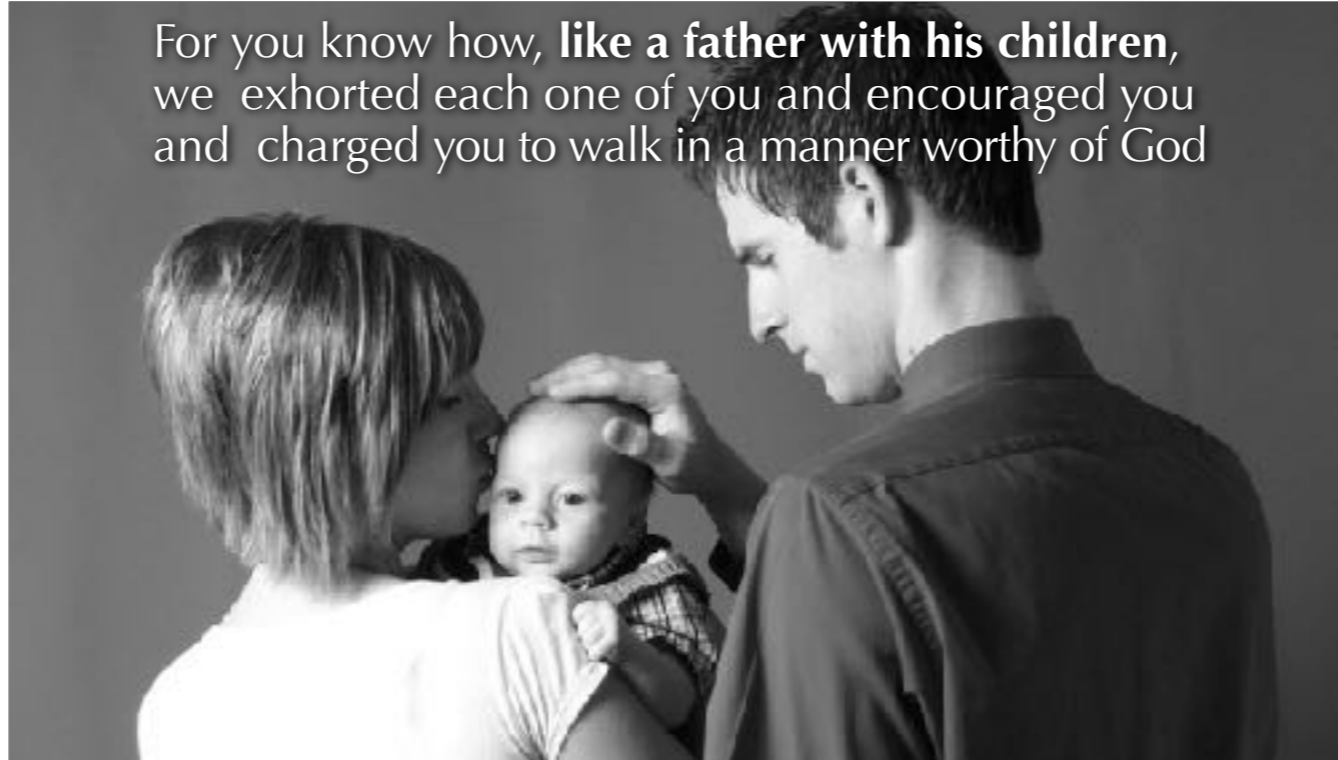
- vs. 8: affectionately desirous of you
- to desire, long for; esp. longing of love.
- very dear to us: beloved
- Shared: not only the gospel, but our own selves (unreserved fellowship, relationship)

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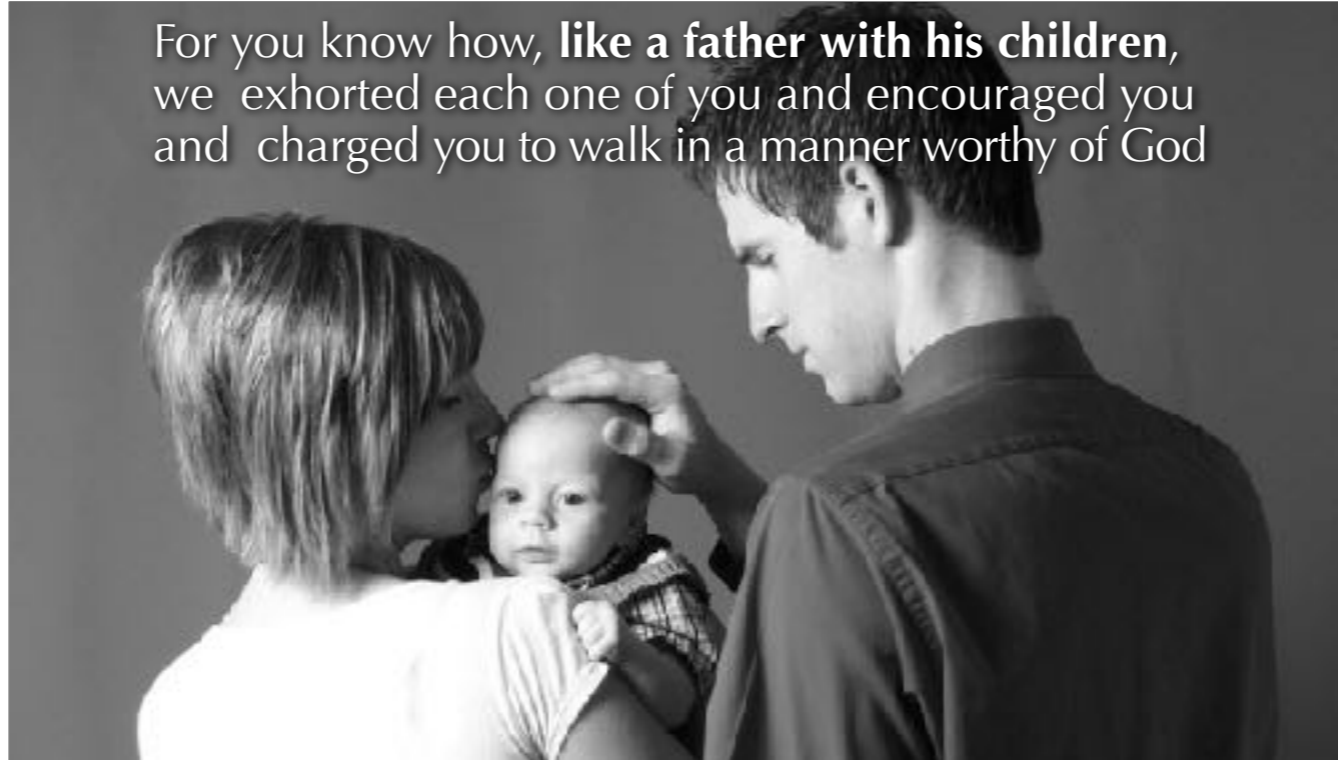
- Do we hold back too much?
- Are too worried about our dignity?
- Do we share our lives with each other? This will make all the difference when others are suffering, hurting, failing, struggling.
- We will be gentle!

For you know how, **like a father with his children,**
we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you
and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God



- 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12: For you know how, like a father with his children, [12] we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

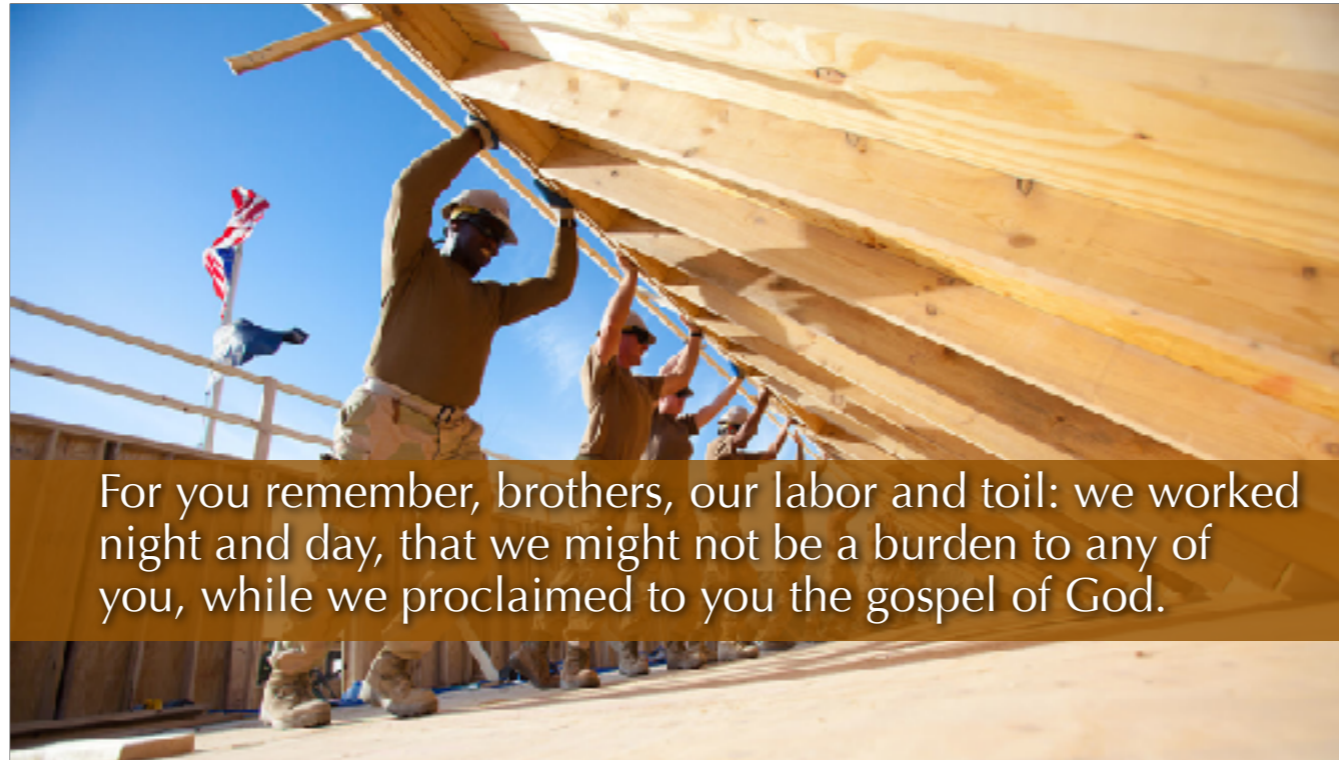
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- Due to maturity and growth...
- Exhort, encourage, charge.
- Being gentle doesn't mean allowing anything goes: rules, boundaries, comfort, strengthen, teach, tell what to do.
- Remember they are children, not adults: weakness, immaturity, failure... get them going again.

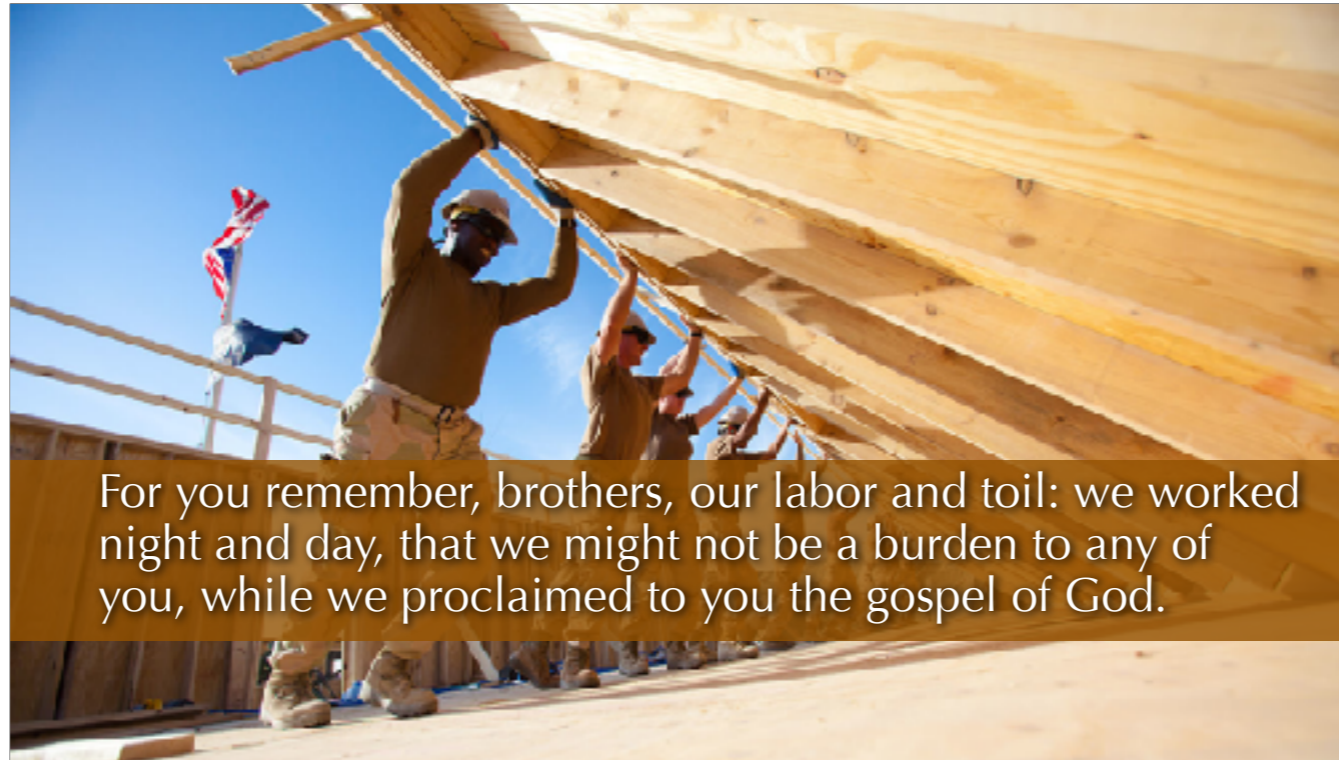


We Work (vs. 9)



For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

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- Guilt trip!
- Worked night and day...
- AND proclaimed the gospel.
- And you think you are too busy? We must be known as workers, make use of every opportunity to teach the gospel: homes, neighbors, us.



Walk worthy of God

Walk worthy of God (vs. 12)

we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to **walk in a manner worthy of God**, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.



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- The gospel is more than just a message. It is meant to change our lives.
- Calls into Kingdom, into Glory (this demonstrates the value God puts on me)
- vs. 13: which is at work in you believers
- We are being transformed to conform to His image... the gospel works in us.
- Do we let it work?
- Do we live the gospel? Do others see it in us?

Build a firm foundation: be *grounded in the gospel*.

Rely on honesty: be *genuine*.

Develop a compassionate attitude: choose *gentleness*.

We work.

Walk worthy of God

- How can I walk worthy?
- Build a firm foundation: be Grounded in the gospel
- Rely on honesty: be genuine
- Develop a compassionate attitude: Choose Gentleness
- We Work.
- Do what the gospel teaches: walk worthy.

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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2 Thessalonians 2.1-13

Synopsis: Paul reminds the Thessalonian brothers of four principles that help us to walk worthy of the gospel, as he demonstrated among them: be Biblical, be Truthful, be Gentle, and be Working.

Based on a lesson from Charles Swindoll in **Strengthening Your Grip**.

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"Let all that you do be done with love."