



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

1, 2 Thessalonians Sermon Series

Supports Session 13: Waiting

Sermon Title: Look to Jesus

Passage: 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Connection to 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

Paul's teachings to the church centered around being productive and active in their work for the Lord while they waited on Christ's return. In this message, the focus is to encourage the church to stay energized with the tasks of good works.

Introduction/Opening

God is good. Period. We are only good because of God. Our hearts, deceitful and wicked (Jeremiah 17:9-10), require God's Spirit to change us and cause us to do good things, which glorify Him. Our lives are, therefore, a life of service to God—loving Him and loving others as we call all people to Him.

Yet, we can get tired of doing good things. We get weary and worn out. So how do we stay encouraged? We look to Jesus.

Outline

1. Jesus set the example of serving.
 - a. When we get weary, we can remember Jesus's example before the cross.
 - i. Jesus served with compassion, even in difficult circumstances.
 - ii. See Mark 6:30-34; Luke 8:40-56.
 - b. When we get weary, we can remember Jesus's example at the cross.
 - i. He served through His death on the cross.
 - ii. See Mark 10:42-45; Matthew 27:45-50; Philippians 2:5-11.
 - c. When we get weary, we can remember Jesus's example after the cross.
 - i. He served by continuing to prepare His kingdom.
 - ii. See John 14:1-3; Acts 9:4-6; Acts 20:22-24.
2. Jesus gave believers a ministry of service.
 - a. Believers are given a spiritual gift with which to serve people.
 - b. See 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19; Galatians 5:13-15.
3. Jesus is glorified when we serve others.
 - a. Glorify God and serve people.
 - b. See Romans 12:10-13; 1 Peter 2:12; 1 Peter 4:8-11; Revelation 7:15.

Conclusion

And ultimately, we are to glorify God with our lives! As we serve others, doing good works, caring for people, and producing good fruit, we lift the name of the One who changed us, the name of the One who saved us, who served us: Jesus Christ. Look to Jesus.

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