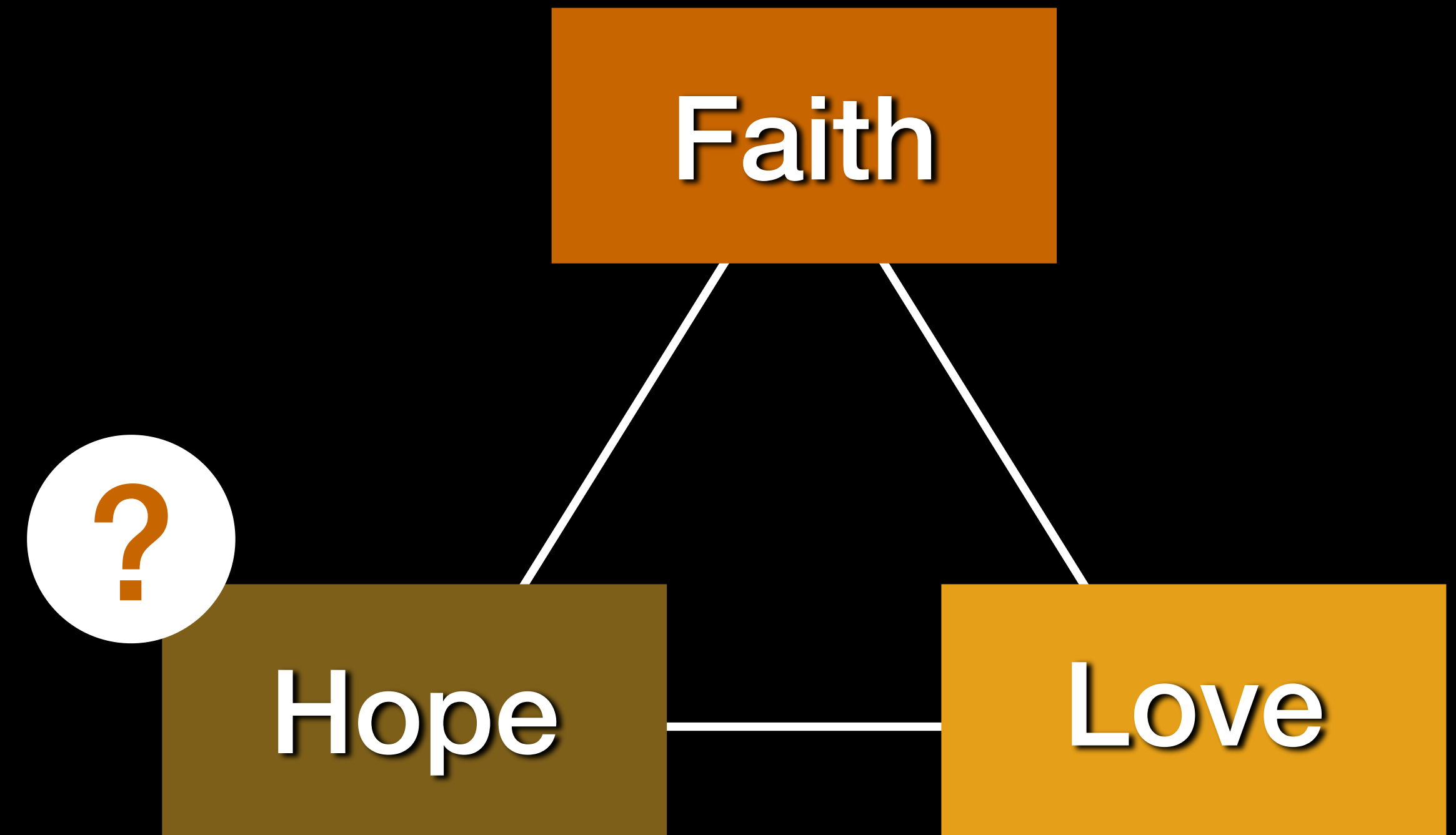


2 THESSALONIANS

STEADFAST IN SUFFERING



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- ? How might it grow our *faith* and *love*?



Principle

A hope-filled church is one that is informed of the predicted events that will usher in the Judgment of Jesus, and responds in motivation to live eternally sacrificial lives.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

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2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

¹¹ Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹² in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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2 Corinthians 10:4-6

*⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to
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⁶ being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.*

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Thankfulness to God for the possibility and provision of a fruitful, eternally significant life for us is a massive relational motivator to pursue that very kind of life with and for Him.

? How might it grow our *faith* and *love*?

The more we embrace this eternally significant life at an increasingly relational level with God, the more convinced we become of His character (faith) and the more we embrace His lifestyle (love).

Principle

A hope-filled church is one that is mindful of God's provision for eternal living; choosing to be thankful for and continually recommit to His unending power and equipping unto a rewardable life.

Next Week

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5