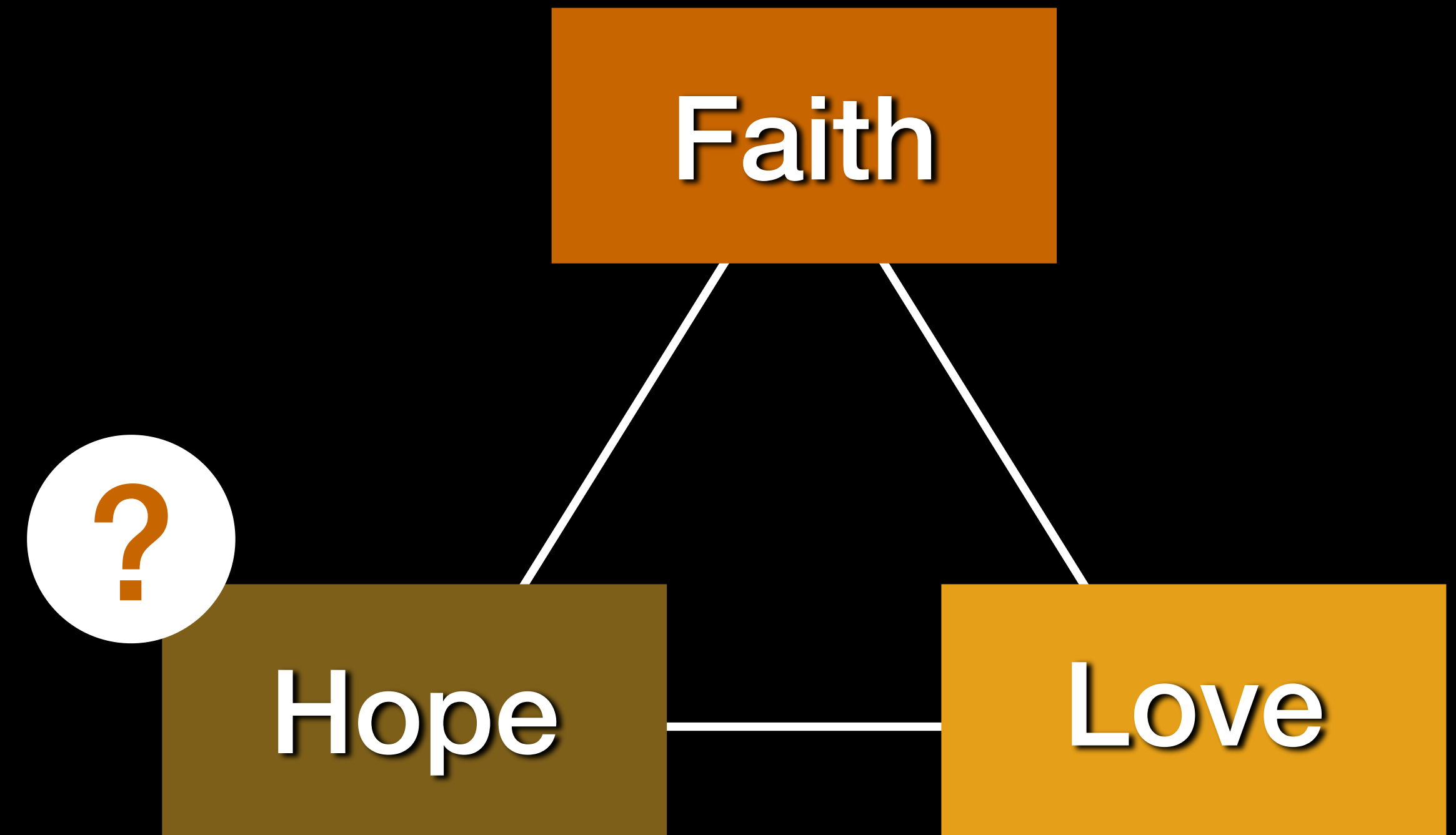


2 THESSALONIANS

STEADFAST IN SUFFERING



- ? What does this teach us about *hope*?
- ? How might it grow our *faith* and *love*?



Principle

Being convinced of the Lord's faithfulness and praying to Him to bring to mind God's love and Christ's endurance empower believers to stand firm during suffering.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

⁶ Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.

¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. ¹⁴ If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. ¹⁵ Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. ¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the sign of genuineness in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power....we ask you, brothers, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

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στέλλω | **stellō**

***literal** to arrange, prepare, gather up, in order to restrain*
***gloss** to keep one's distance, stand aloof, avoid, shun*

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ἀτάκτως | ataktōs

literal to live in a disorderly and disobedient manner

gloss idle, inactive, lazy

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*“Reject the influence of, and never condone the
behavior of those who deliberately live contrary to what
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Positional and functional unity is necessary for the fruitful eternal living of individual believers and the family of God as a whole.

Emotional validation or commiseration with a rebellious and stubborn believer, under the banner of “graciousness”, “unity”, or “peace”, is completely unhelpful to the rebellious believer and spiritually dangerous for other faithful believers.

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

To be committed to personal eternal living and confronting fellow believers who rebel against it is the loving posture of a faithful believer. It is by definition, a life that is marked by the love for God and others over emotion-driven, self preservation.

Principle

A hope filled church is one that maintains positional and functional unity; striving together in sacrificial and familial teamwork to pursue a life that is increasingly eternally motivated.



December 21



December 28



January 4