

04 session 4

COMFORT IN TRIALS

as you go

These are simple questions to ask your student as you go home from church or go about your weekly activities.

- .01** How do you encourage your friends and family when they are feeling weary or down? How do they encourage you?
- .02** What is the most exhausting activity you can think of? What recharges you when you are exhausted?

family DEVOTION

Consider following up with your student later in the week with the following summary and discussion questions.

summary: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:4-13

Paul and his fellow missionaries had been forced to leave Thessalonica suddenly, but Paul hadn't forgotten about the believers there. He was still concerned about them and cared for them. He knew the cost of following Jesus—it would include great persecution, and it would be hard for the church to persevere. So when Timothy reported back to him that their faith remained strong and steadfast, he was overjoyed by the news. In the midst of his own struggles, he was encouraged, and prayed that the triune God would continue to grow their holiness and their love for one another.

discussion QUESTIONS

- .01** What does Paul's response to the good news about the Thessalonians, despite his own suffering, tell us about his priorities?
- .02** How can we stand firm in the Lord, no matter what kind of challenges we face that might distract us?

PRAY: Thank God for the people in your life who encourage you in your faith when you are down or discouraged, and pray that He would use you to encourage other believers when they need it.



CENTRAL truth

Encouragement from fellow believers can renew weary hearts.

LEADER challenge

Challenge your student to use the Daily Devotions provided in their *Daily Discipleship Guide* to study God's Word this week. These are the passages covered in this week's devotions.

DAY 1 1 THESS. 3:1-3

DAY 2 1 THESS. 3:4-10

DAY 3 1 THESS. 3:11-13

DAY 4 1 CHRON. 22:6-13

DAY 5 PROVERBS 12:25-26

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