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the apostle Paul had an effective ministry, we see that God moved through him in the ones that he was ministering to. And why was that? What was unique about Paul? He prayed for those that he was serving. What about you? Do you have a list of people that you are serving that you are ministering to? That you are growing? discipling? And if you do, are you diligently praying for them? Paul love this group of believers in Thessaloniki. And we see many times in the second epistle that he wrote to them, that he says over and over. I am constantly, I'm always offering up prayer for you. And when we begin this third chapter, we see that same things they did again. So take out your Bible, and look with me to Second Thessalonians and chapter three, we'll begin with verse one. He says, Finally, now this doesn't mean that he's getting tired, and that he's coming to the end. But it means here are some remaining points. He wants to remind them of something. And what is that? He says? Finally, brethren, you pray concerning us, Paul's been praying for them, and we'll see him doing it again. But here he's saying, you pray for me. I've told you over and over, I pray for you. But now you brethren, you pray for us why? And ordered that the word of the Lord. And then we have a word. And that word means should run. And it's speaking about the Word of God being released in a quick manner, meaning this. He wants to see that gospel, that that righteous doctrine of God's word going forth rapidly throughout this world. So he says, and ordered that the word of the Lord should run and bring glory, just as also with you. He says, God is doing a mighty work in this congregation. Yes, you are persecuted, what do we learn? This confirms their identity as believers in Messiah, and those that have a kingdom future. So he says, just as with also you, also an order that we should be delivered from? And Paul because he was committed to the work of God, what was he experiencing? Opposition, he says that we would be delivered from perverse and evil men. First, verse two at the end. For not all is faithful, we need to realize that there is an

enemy. We talked about him extensively in chapter two. And this enemy, Satan, he has followers, he has those that are under his authority. Most of them don't even realize that they're under his authority. Paul says, not all is faithful, not all is of the faith, but the Lord He is faithful and He will strengthen. This involves in giving you a root, a stronghold, he will give you strength, and he will keep you from the evil. Now what's evil? Evil is simply that word is a word that means that which is contrary to the will of God. And God will work mightily that we do not turn to the left or to the right, but that we remain planted firmly. And notice he talks about strength. Here's the message. It is only when we are planted firmly in God's will. Are we going to have access to To His power, and not just his power, but also his perspective. So when I am in God's will, I can pray effectively, God, give me your provision. Give me your power. Let me see things from your perspective so that I can submit to your will not just be in his will but to carry out His will, in faithful obedience. verse, verse three, the Lord is faithful, to strengthen you and to keep you from evil verse, verse four, he says, but being convinced in the Lord concerning you, that the things that we have commanded you, that you are doing, and will do. Now, Paul, this is a word of encouragement, he's saying, I have confidence in you. Now, many times, and we see this with parents, parents, tell their children don't do this, don't do that. Don't do this other thing. And what does that say we have no confidence in you. We believe that you're gonna do wrong things, that you're gonna make poor decisions. And we're warning you. Instead of saying, Don't do this, say, Son, say to your daughter, you know what, I love you. And I am proud of you, as a father, as a mother, because I am confident that you are going to make wise decisions, that you are going to choose the things that that honor God, that that you want to be a blessing to others, and that you don't want to have a bad testimony. And we need to do the same thing that Paul does have confidence, that if one is a believer, that the Holy Spirit is going to move, what does he say here? He says that, that the Holy Spirit, that he is going to strengthen you, and keep you from all evil. He's saying, We're confident that the Lord, He is speaking concerning you, and what he's commanded what we have commanded you, that you are doing, and you will do. But the Lord, He will do something, he will strengthen, or literally he will, he will straighten your heart, in the love of God. And for the obedience of or the perseverance, excuse me, the perseverance of Messiah, now learn a very important principle, in order to have in order to have that, that perseverance, that endurance of Christ, the same endurance that caused him to conquer the cross, we can have access to that. But notice what he says that he's going to literally says that he is going to straighten your heart, meaning one, that he is going to bring order to your heart. And that means he's going to bring order to our thoughts, our perceptions, how we see things. So again, see, we need to know what we ought to be praying for, and what are the things we should be praying for is a right perspective. Let me say that differently. We need to be praying for a righteous perspective, God's perspective, to look at a situation and say this, God, what would you have me to do? And be desiring to do it? Not just asking and then making a decision? Well, am I willing to do that or not? That's not faithfulness, that's not obedience, that's not going to get a response from God. You say, God, what would be the action that I should take? What should I do in order that righteousness is manifested in that situation? Whatever very important word. Whatever God, you reveal to me, this, I'm going to do and I'm going to trust you God that you're going to supply what I need. Because you're gonna give me that insight. You're gonna give me the resources, you're gonna give me the power so I can behave righteously. Here's the problem. Most people do this. God, I want your resources. I want your help. I want your power, in order that I can accomplish what I want to do. And when we are being led by self, we are giving the enemy a stronghold in our life. When we say my will, will be done, where Satan Satan come into my life, demonic influence, dark in my life gives me a wrong perspective. He says, look,

again verse, verse four, being confident in the Lord concerning you, that the things we have commanded you, that you are doing and will doing, and that the Lord because you're doing the right thing, the Lord will straighten your heart and the love of God, and for the perseverance of Messiah, verse six. And what we have commanded you, brethren, in the name of our Lord, Messiah, Yeshua, for his character to be our character. And if that's going to be the case, we sometimes have to make some hard decisions, he says, middle of verse six, that you withdraw from every brother, that walks idly, that is not working. And that means working in both both areas. What do I mean by that? Not working for for their sustenance, not earning a provision. And it also means not working in regard to the things of God. See, one of the balances that we have to have is that we have to balance our physical needs, with our spiritual needs. Meaning we have to order our life balance our life, in order to meet our physical needs, so that we can serve God. And usually, there's a unbalancing going on why, because we spend way too much time on what we physically think we need. We engage in too much time for that. And we don't have enough time, the right amount of time, in order to serve God to do His will. Let me tell you a promise. When you are committed, and you want to do more and more and more for the kingdom of God, God is going to work and make your physical labor, those things to earn that paycheck, he is going to move, and he is going to make your work more effective. It'll be more expedient what you do, you'll have to work less to make more money, because God will provide what you need in order to serve Him. And He will be generous about that. This is the promise that he's making. verse, verse six again, he says, But commanding you, brethren, in the name of our Lord, Messiah, show that you withdrawal from every brother that walks that means behave, his lifestyle, is that of being idle, and not according to the commandment, which he received from us, verse seven. For you, yourself, know, how it was necessary for you to mimic us. Now Paul, saying, we behaved in a certain way, in order that you could learn from us in order that you would imitate us that you would follow the example that we gave. And he says, that we were not idle among you, verse eight. Nor without payment, did we eat the bread from someone, but he says, in, in labor, and in difficulty, night and day, we worked. And he said not to be a burden to any of you. Verse, verse nine. Now, he did this as an example, not because he had to why he was an apostle. And he says, we had the right a workman is worthy of his wages. He says, we didn't have to do this. We could have have said as apostles, that you need to meet our needs. He says, we did not. We wanted to give you an example of of our commitment to you. So he says, we labor and difficulty night and day, we worked an order not to be a burden of any of you, verse nine. But not that we didn't have the authority meeting the authority of apostles, but in order that we give to you an example, that you would mimic us that you would follow this example. That's why he did these things. That's why he behaved in this way. Verse 10. For also, when we were with you, this we commanded you. Now he's saying this and he said, I did this, I demonstrated this, and here's something that may be hard for for many. And that's this. This is a principle that Paul revealed, received from the Holy Spirit. Verse, verse 10. This we commanded you that if someone does not want to work, he shall not eat. We are expected to labor to do what's necessary to meet our provisions. And we know the verse in Scripture that a man who will not provide provide for his own household is worse than an infidel. So labor is something that is good. We're called to serve, but also we are called to work. Then he says, Now look, if you would to the next next verse, verse 11. For we have heard how, here in this this passage, we have heard how there are those who walk among you how we have heard that those have a lifestyle among you of idleness, not wanting to work, and what's the outcome? Well, many Bibles will say that they become busy bodies, meaning this, they walk around, they are always engaged in other people's business, they are always involved in other people's life. See, idleness gives us the

opportunity to metal, give us the opportunity to be involved in that, which is not what God wants us to do. So we need to be busy, and not being busy bodies, verse 12. But to these that are such we want, and we exhort through our Lord Messiah shoe, and order that with quietness, we work, and one eats his own bread. What a good advice that we work, in quietness. And we eat. We don't take out all these loans. We don't expect things from others, but rather that we work in a quiet way, eating and enjoying what our own hand provides. And Paul says, This is indeed a testimony. This is how people of faith lived and how we should live today. So with quietness, we work, and we eat our own bread, verse 13. But you brethren, do not grow weary in doing good. What's the message here? We should be about laboring, doing those things that are good. What does that mean? Doing those things that are in accordance with the will of God, doing those things that God is pleased with. And that's why we have to learn that order for life. That's what Paul is demonstrating to them. There was a balance that he showed them working and he sometimes had to work late at night, he had to work early in the morning in order that he could perform and do the will that God has called him to do. So he says, don't grow weary in doing good verse 14. But if a certain one does not obey our word, through this a pistol, it says here, mark this one, and do not associate with Him, in order that he would be ashamed. So there are times that we need to behave with tough love. There are times when someone is not behaving properly not behaving, to the word that we need to do something, not associate. For some congregation, that means that you need to put that person outside the fellowship, to tell them this is not how a member of our congregation orders his life. And you do not associate with him, but be very careful. We do that not in an animosity, but we do it in love. He says, And do not as an enemy consider him but but admonished him as a brother. Now we're coming up on the conclusion of this second epistle to the Thessalonians. And Paul's always going to end with a word of encouragement. He's going to tell this congregation of His love and God's purposes that he wants to bring about through this group. Look at verse 16. But the Lord of Peace Now, what does it mean? Don't think God who just gives me that, that that peace? No, it's not talking about peace easiness quietness. It's talking about the God who works according to His will. The Lord of peace, He will give to you peace through all things in every way, meaning God is going to move in a variety of ways to bring you into His will. The God of peace is a God who moves his people to accomplish the purposes of God. So we need to ask ourselves, are we moving? are we experiencing God's work in our life, in order that we have peace and what's peace, again, the fulfillment of God's will. This is what Paul is always speaking about. For the Lord, be with all of you. Verse 17. Now Paul makes his greetings, his his greetings of departure, he says, greetings. And by my own hand, Paul, which is a sign in all my in every epistle, thus I write, so he says, he's concluding now this epistle, probably he had a secretary, another disciple, another man who was a believer, who when Paul spoke these things, he wrote it down. But when it came to the end, the end of an epistle, Paul would himself write something. And this was his sign. This was a tradition that people could see the way he wrote, we know from other scripture, that he would write some times with large letters, by his own hand, that manifested something about Paul's condition, his physical condition. So he's writes, this is a sign in every epistle, that Thus I have written, verse 18, or less verse, he ends, as I said, with a message of encouragement, he says, grace of our Lord, you're sure, Messiah with you. Amen. With all of you, amen. Now, I don't think it's by accident, that the apostle Paul, that he began this epistle, and he closes this epistle. And several times, in the midst of this epistle, he mentioned grace. Now grace, gives us liberty, not a liberty to do our will. That is not Grace at all. And unfortunately, there are many people, that they are teaching things about grace, that is not Biblically sound. As I've said, over and over, Grace has a purpose beyond saving us. Grace brings about in the person's life of

conformity, a conformity to God's will, and hear this God's character. When I receive the grace of God, what's the outcome of this? God is going to go to work in my life, God is going to bring about a change whereby I cease being who I was, and I become more and more like him. Where do we hear that? From John the Baptists. Now we all know the verse when Jesus speaks about John. And he says, of those who are born of women, no one meaning in a natural way. No one was greater than John, what a statement, thinking of all the prophets, Moses himself, Abraham, he points to John, and we need to ask ourselves what it was about John, that was so pleasing to you. Sure. And what was that? When he says, I must become less, and he must increase, he needs to be more. Are you praying that now when you must become less what does that mean? My desires, my wills, my objectives, what pleases me, in this, this world, all of that needs to be less. In fact, what we can say is this. It needs to be nailed to the cross. It was those things, my plants, my desires, that really was the basis for the cross. Because think of the garden eaten, it was was covered Eve that says that fruit looks good to her eyes. She thought it was good for her purposes, what she wanted it to be, and it brought about death. It released everything into this world that causes problems, hardship, sickness, death, and violence and cry. It was a gate way to disaster. And what you need to affirm is this, you need to say, left to myself, what I want. What I think's right is going to produce disaster in my life. It is only when I turn to the revelation of God. It's only when I based my life on this book, that I embrace the contents as as heavenly truth. It's only when I submit to that, that God's order is going to be beginning to manifest itself in my life. And what enables me to make that statement and see power behind it. God's grace, God's grace gives us a liberty to do the will of God. Let me give you a final example of that. Think about the Exodus from Egypt, you know, in Judaism can be almost any holiday. But we always remember the exodus of Egypt, why it was foundational? And what do we learn about the Exodus from Egypt, redemption came first, redemption, it produces liberty, it produces freedom in our life, but for what purpose, freedom to go, worship God in that wilderness in that desert, and ultimately to be brought to Mount Sinai, where God gave us instructions. And God wanted to move mightily among the children of Israel, to equip them to faithfully and obediently carry out these instructions. But Israel rejected it. Israel stood at a distance. What about you, in regard to God's will? Are you moving closer? And regard to God's commandments? Are you saying, This is God's expectations for my life? These are God's tools, God's truth in regard to righteousness. When I apply them when I implement them in my life, it is going to lead me to understand the righteousness of God and not just understand it, but carry it out, to live righteously. Why? Well, we'll close with what we closed several of our messages within that's this. living righteously produces the glory of God. And that's why humanity was created. When it says in the book of Genesis that we were created in the image of God, it doesn't mean we look like that. It means that we're supposed to reflect God's character to be like God, and it's only through redemption, that redemption that comes from the blood of Messiah, only that redemption can give us the potential to do just that, to be behaving in obedience to God's purposes, manifesting righteousness and being an instrument that reveals his glory.

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