

Clearwater Community Church

Weaving Sunday's message through your week

Date: April 14, 2019

Passage: 1 Thessalonians 3:1–13

Theme: The Approach to Helping Others Thrive

- Those helping others sincerely desire to see others grow in their faith.
 - They see passed their own situation to the need of weaker siblings.
 - They go to the necessary lengths to strengthen them for the trials ahead.
- 2. Those helping others find joy in life in the faith of their fellow believers (6–10).
 - a. They gain strength in their spiritual life through God's work in those to whom they minister (6–8).
 - b. They rejoice and thank God for his work in other's lives (9).
- 3. Those helping others continually pray that God will use them to bring others to spiritual maturity (10–13).
 - a. They pray that God will give them time together for spiritual impact (11).
 - b. They pray that God will bring about greater love within those to whom they minister (12).
 - c. They pray that God will bring his work of sanctification to completion in the lives of his holy ones (13).

Main Idea:

God calls us as believers to invest our time and prayers to help others grow to maturity in faith.

Discussion Questions:

• Describe Paul's attitude toward the Thessalonian believers in chapter 3. Do you possess this same attitude toward your fellow believers? How do we cultivate such an attitude?

• What are the actions that Paul takes toward these believers to help them mature in the faith? How can you go about doing these same things with those to whom you minister?

• From their description in this passage, how do trials contribute to the process of helping others thrive?

· How does this passage impact the way we should pray?

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