

“Built Faith Tough”

1 Thessalonians 3:1–13

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SCRIPTURE READING:

1 Thessalonians 3:1–13, Acts 17:10–15, Philippians 1:22–26, 1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:8–9, Luke 22:31–32, Ephesians 3:20–21, Colossians 4:12

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Who has provided you the greatest encouragement and exhortation in your quest for spiritual maturity (3:1–2)? Who is doing so currently? Who have you spiritually marked over the years you have been a Christian? Who are you presently seeking to help grow spiritually?
2. What is your understanding of the role of trials and suffering in the Christian life (3:3–4)? How have you suffered for the cause of Christ? How did God use suffering in Jesus’ life (Hebrews 5:8)? To better comprehend the New Testament emphasis on suffering read Matthew 5:10–12; John 15:18, 20; 16:33; Acts 14:22; Romans 8:17; 2 Corinthians 4:7–11; 11:23–27; Philippians 1:29; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 2:21; 4:12–16.
3. Why is mutual love and respect between leaders and church members so important (3:6–8)? How can you be a source of joy to your pastors and leaders (3:9)? Read Hebrews 13:17. How can church leaders demonstrate servant leadership toward those they serve? Read Matthew 20:26–28.
4. In what ways can CBC learn to pray “night and day” for opportunities to help others mature in Christ (3:10)? How can you take one step forward to increase your zeal and urgency to help others grow in Christ? Who can you develop further in their discipleship pathway?
5. Why is abounding in love for others so important in these days (3:12)? How would you rate your current love for the CBC family? How can you “increase and abound” in your love for fellow believers? Read John 13:34–35; 15:12–17; Romans 13:8; 1 Peter 4:8; and 1 John 4:7–13. What can you do to cultivate a greater love for the global church? How does love for all the believers in God’s family prepare you for a good showing at the judgment seat of Christ (3:13)?

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