



SERMON SERIES: THESSALONIANS – WEEK 1

Message Title: *Faith That Echoes*

Main Texts: Acts 17:1–9 & 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

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◆ INTRODUCTION

One of Paul's earliest letters was written to the church in Thessalonica—a group of believers who received the Gospel in a short window of ministry but held onto it with deep conviction and enduring faith. Their story teaches us what happens when we rely on the Holy Spirit and keep our eyes on Jesus through difficulty.

MESSAGE OUTLINE

1. When Life Changes, the Mission Doesn't

- Paul's plans shifted due to persecution, but the Gospel kept moving forward.
- Ministry in Philippi prepared the way for ministry in Thessalonica.

2. Paul's Simple but Powerful Ministry Approach (*Acts 17:2–4*)

- He preached from the Scriptures.

- He proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah.
- He persuaded those who listened.

“Here’s the playbook.” – *Remember the Titans*

“Preachers are bearers of Good News, not salesmen.” – *Billy Graham*

3. Gospel Faithfulness Will Always Face Resistance

- Jealousy and unrest arose when the truth was proclaimed.
 - Preaching the Gospel in 2025 still meets opposition—but God’s Word remains powerful.
 - Romans 1:16 reminds us not to be ashamed of the Gospel.
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4. A Church Worth Celebrating (*1 Thessalonians 1:1–8*)

- Paul gives thanks for their **faith, love, and hope**.
 - The Gospel came in **word, power, Spirit, and assurance**.
 - The believers became imitators of Christ and examples to others across the region.
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5. Transformation That Speaks for Itself (*1 Thessalonians 1:9–10*)

- They turned from idols to serve the living and true God.
- They didn’t just add Jesus—they abandoned everything else.

- They waited for Christ with hope, even under pressure and persecution.



FINAL TAKEAWAY

- God can do more in **three weeks** of Spirit-led ministry than we can imagine.
- Faith that is lived out boldly becomes a message in itself.
- The Thessalonian church challenges us to:
 - Stand firm in the Gospel
 - Let go of all idols
 - Live in hope of Christ's return



REFLECTION QUESTIONS (Optional for Small Groups or Personal Study)

1. What part of Paul's approach to ministry inspires or challenges you?
2. In what ways are you tempted to blend idols with your faith?
3. How can your faith become an example to others around you?