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1 Thessalonians 2:13-14 And we also **thank God** continually because, when YOU received the word of God, which YOU heard from us, you **accepted** it not as a human word, but as it actually is, **the word of God**, which is indeed at **work** in you who **believe**. For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: You suffered from your own people the same things those churches suffered from the Jews...

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✓ Like a _____.

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✓ In your _____ of influence.

Spheres of Influence in Society:

- _____.
- _____.
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