

Suffering Together With Joy

1 Thess. 2:13-16 • April 18th, 2021

¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. ¹⁴ For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, ¹⁵ who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind ¹⁶ by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!

Paul's Goal:

to encourage the Thessalonians to stay faithful in persecution

Two truths to remember: v. 14-16

1. You're not alone

2. God will bring you justice

The Thessalonian Model for Joyful Suffering:

mutual encouragement in Christian community