

OUR POINTS READ LEFT

Introduction

CHURCH

OPTIMISTIC IDEALIST  
GOOD - DREAM  
BAD - SUDGE

TEXT  
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COLLEGE

GOD BROUGHT ME BACK TODAY

THESSALONIANS  
PAUL ENCOURAGED, ASSURED,  
UNABLE TO SEE THEM.

Our Hearts are Designed for Affection

1 Thessalonians 2:17 - *But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face...*

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

- ① JESUS COMPELLING (GOSPEL/WORSHIP)
- ② GIVE + RECEIVE

PANDEMIC PROBLEMS

- ① IF YOU ARE BRAGGING, YOUR LIFE MATTERS
- ② IT IS NOT GOOD FOR MAN TO BE ALONE.

AFFECTION, GOD, OTHERS

YOU ARE MADE FOR LIFE WITH OTHERS, NOT JUST CONNECTED TO OTHERS.

TOOAL BUT...

Our Sin Hinders our Affection

1 Thessalonians 2:18 - *... because we wanted to come to you - I, Paul, again and again - but Satan hindered us...*

PAUL KEPT FROM UNION

COLLEGE:  
WAITING FOR OTHERS TO LOVE ME  
- THEY SHOULD GO FIRST  
- I'M TOO GOOD

THE GOSPEL COMPELS US TO LOVE FIRST RATHER THAN REST IN OFFENSE

WHAT IS YOUR PART?  
LIVE PEACABLY W/ ALL

(WAR MATTER?)

Our God Directs our Affection

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 - *For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy.*

MADE FOR AFFECTION...

SATAN/SIN HINDERS...

BUT WHAT IF REAL EVIL IS SEPARING ONE ANOTHER AS HINDRANCE TO AFFECTION + JOY?

PAUL BRINGS IT HOME + MAKES IT SIMPLE

THERE IS REAL JOY IN GOD THRU HELPING ONE ANOTHER GROW!

BEST TIMES? NOT COMFORTABLE, ETC.

TIMES WHEN WAITING W/ OTHERS + HELPING THEM GROW AS THEY HELP YOU IN TURN.

WHY? MADE FOR THIS.

I AM HOPEFUL

BUT ANYTHING WE HOPE TO DO WILL RISE + FALL ON WHETHER AFFECTION LIVES. CHRIST + ONE ANOTHER OR ELSEWHERE?

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.