

## Kingdom Care

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 3: 1-13

1 Thessalonians 3:1 Therefore...

1 Thessalonians 2: 17-20

“But as for us, brothers, after we were forced to leave you for a short time (in person, not in heart), we greatly desired and made every effort to return and see you face to face. So we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us. For who is our hope or joy or crown of boasting in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy!”

1 Thessalonians 3: 1-5

“Therefore, when we could no longer stand it, we thought it was better to be left alone in Athens. And we sent Timothy, our brother and God’s coworker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you concerning your faith, so that no one will be shaken by these persecutions. For you yourselves know that we are appointed to this. In fact, when we were with you, we told you previously that we were going to suffer persecution, and as you know, it happened. For this reason, when I could no longer stand it, I also sent him to find out about your faith, fearing that the tempter had tempted you and that our labor might be for nothing.”

1 Thessalonians 3:6

“But now Timothy has come to us from you and brought us good news about your faith and love and reported that you always have good memories of us, wanting to see us, as we also want to see you.”

## 1 Thessalonians 3:7-10

“Therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution, we were encouraged about you through your faith. For now we live, if you stand firm in the Lord. How can we thank God for you in return for all the joy we experience before our God because of you, 10 as we pray very earnestly night and day to see you face to face and to complete what is lacking in your faith?”

“Joy is the flag that flies over the castle of our hearts announcing that the king is in residence today”- Walter B. Knight

## John 13:35

“By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

“Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you. And may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow with love for one another and for everyone, just as we also do for you. May He make your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. Amen.”

## Take away 1

1. We need to have an awareness of the Kingdom

## Take away 2

2. Are we affected by the Faith of others?

## Take away 3

3. Praying for others in the kingdom connects us spiritually, both horizontally and vertically.

1 Peter 4:8 New King James Version

“And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins.”