Grounded and Growing
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

The Word of God Changed Their Lives (v13)

- They received it as God's Word.
- It was at work among them.

Following Jesus Meant Opposition (vv 14-16)

- This was modeled by the churches in Judea
- The opposition was from their own people
- "... displease God and oppose all mankind…"
- "Wrath has come upon them at last."

Paul's Love for the Church (vv17-18)

- "Torn Away" = Orphaned
- "Brothers" - 21 times in 1 & 2 Thessalonians
- The Desire to be Face to Face

People: The Ultimate Reward (vv19-20)

- Hope - Joy - Crown
- Their Glory and Joy

So What?

Are you being transformed by God's Word?
Do you expect opposition and embrace it?
Do you love being around other believers?
Do people matter to you?