While you are waiting….
2 THESSALONIANS 3:6–18

Slide 1: While you are waiting….

God does not call us to sit around while we wait for Jesus to return.

He calls us to work faithfully, live responsibly, and keep doing what is right.

“Do not grow weary in doing good.”
2 Thessalonians 3:13

Slide 2: The Problem: Idle Believers

Some believers in Thessalonica had stopped working.

They were not busy doing what was right.
They had become busybodies.

“We hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.”
2 Thessalonians 3:11

Slide 3: The Worth of Work

Work is not a punishment.

Work was part of God’s good design before sin entered the world.

“The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.”
Genesis 2:15

Work is worthy because God designed it.

Slide 4: Working for God

1. Stay away from the idle.

“Keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness.”
2 Thessalonians 3:6

This is not meant to destroy them.
It is meant to help restore them.

Slide 5: Working for God

2. Follow the example of hard workers.

“We were not idle when we were with you.”
2 Thessalonians 3:7

Paul and his team worked hard so they could be an example.

Faithful believers do not just talk about responsibility.
They model it.

Slide 6: Working for God

3. Work is the responsible thing to do.

“If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.”
2 Thessalonians 3:10

Paul is not talking about those who cannot work.

He is talking about those who can work but refuse to work.

Slide 7: Settle Down and Earn Your Living

“Such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.”
2 Thessalonians 3:12

Do your work.
Mind your own business.
Live faithfully where God has placed you.

Slide 8: Working for God

: Do the right thing even when others don’t.

“As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.”
2 Thessalonians 3:13

Other people’s disobedience should not stop our obedience.

Keep doing what is right.

Slide 9: Working for God: Correct with Love

5. Don’t enable disobedience.

6. Be loving toward other sinners.

“Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.”
2 Thessalonians 3:15

a)Correction should never be cruel.

b)The goal is not punishment.
c)The goal is restoration.

Slide 10: Paul's Closing remarks - Peace

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way."
2 Thessalonians 3:16

Jesus gives peace in every season.

Peace is not the absence of trouble.
Peace is the presence of Christ with us.

Slide 11: Paul's Closing remarks - Grace

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."
2 Thessalonians 3:18

The series ends where the Christian life begins and continues:

Grace.

We are saved by grace.
We stand by grace.
We keep going by grace.

Slide 12: Paul's Closing remarks - Jesus is coming again

Until He comes…. we do not drift, panic, or become idle.

We stand firm.
We work faithfully.
We keep doing good.
We rest in the peace and grace of Christ.