2 THESSALONIANS 2:13–3:5

Slide 1: The Strength That Lasts

Followers of Jesus can stand firm because God saves us, changes us, strengthens us, and protects us.

“But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord…” 2 Thessalonians 2:13

Slide 2: Hold On When Life Shakes

- The Thessalonians were confused and afraid, but Paul reminded them to hold on to God’s truth.

“So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us…” 2 Thessalonians 2:15

Stand firm = don’t give up
Hold fast = keep holding on to God’s Word

Slide 3: God Saves Us

“But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved…” 2 Thessalonians 2:13

- Salvation begins with God’s love and grace.

- We are saved because God came pursued us first.

“For he chose us in him before the foundation of the world…” Ephesians 1:4

Slide 4: God Changes Us

“…through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.” 2 Thessalonians 2:13

- The Holy Spirit is working in believers to make us more like Jesus.

Sanctification = God making us holy over time

God does not just save us from sin.
He also begins to change how we live.

Slide 5: God Strengthens Us

“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father…encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.” 2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

- God gives strength for how we live and what we say.

Good work = living for Jesus
Good word = speaking for Jesus

Slide 6: God Gives Us Future Hope

"To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thessalonians 2:14

- God's plan does not end with today.

What begins with grace will end in glory.

"And those whom he justified he also glorified." Romans 8:30

Slide 7: Remember Jesus at the Table

The Lord's Supper helps us remember that Jesus died for us.

"This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 1 Corinthians 11:24

Communion reminds us to:

Remember what Jesus did
Examine our hearts
Give thanks for His grace

Slide 8: Prayer in Ministry: Pray for the Gospel

"Finally, brothers, pray for us…" 2 Thessalonians 3:1

- Paul asked the church to pray for him and his ministry team.

- The work of ministry needs the prayers of God's people.

Slide 9: Prayer in Ministry: Pray for the Word to Spread

"…that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you." 2 Thessalonians 3:1

- Pray that more people would hear and receive the gospel.

1. Pray for God's Word to move quickly.
2. Pray for people to honor God's Word.
3. Pray for lives to be changed by Jesus.

Slide 10: Prayer in Ministry: Pray for Protection

"…and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith." 2 Thessalonians 3:2

- Serving Jesus brings opportunities, but it can also bring opposition.

- Pray for those who carry the message of Christ.

Slide 11: Prayer in Ministry: Pray for Protection

"But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one." 2 Thessalonians 3:3

God is faithful.
He strengthens His people.
He protects His people.