TEXT SUMMARY

In our text, 2 Thessalonians 3:13-18, we see Paul conclude his stern admonitions to the believers in Thessalonica and close with his benediction and greetings.

POWERPOINT CONTENT

DO NOT GROW WEARY

John 14:3

Serving Christ and His people is not without cost or weariness. The example of Christ and the words of Paul admonish us to be faithful, not to give up.

Galatians 6:7-8

John 13:1-5

Luke 22:39-46

"Benedictions are Gospel blessings that teach us to expect what only God can give, and the Bible is filled with them."
                                                  - Drew Hunter

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Numbers 6:22-27

Luke 24:50-51

Now may the Lord of Peace Himself give you peace
at all times
in every way.
The Lord be with you all.

INTRODUCTION (Observation):

1. After his exhortation not to be weary in doing good (v. 13), Paul turns to address the question of how to deal with believers who refuse to obey. (v. 14)
   - What two verbs does Paul use in his instructions of how to treat the disobedient brother?
   - What purpose does Paul have in mind in this confrontation?
   - Paul concludes this instruction with a negative exhortation and a positive one. What are they?
2. What two qualifiers does Paul add to his benediction about how he God will give His people peace?

DISCUSSION (INTERPRETATION):

Letters such as this were usually dictated to a scribe. In view of the reason this letter had to be composed (see 2:1-2), why did Paul feel he needed to make his remark about writing his greeting with his own hand?

SO WHAT? (APPLICATION):

1. How is loving confrontation a ministry in the body?
2. Confrontation is a much-neglected ministry in our churches today. Why is this so? (There are many possible contributing factors, so give this some thought.)
3. If you were to create a protocol for loving confrontation based on this text, what key points would you want to include?
4. What additional insight does Gal 6:6:1-2 bring to the question of how we ought to conduct ourselves when we minister to one another in confrontation?