

WHEN LIFE GET'S TOUGH
1 Thessalonians 2:1-6

1. Resist discouragement

For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain. (1)

2. Resolve to keep going

But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict. (2)

3. Review your motives

For our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it in deceit. (3)

4. Remember your calling

But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel... (4)

5. Reflect your Savior

...even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness— God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. (4-6)