

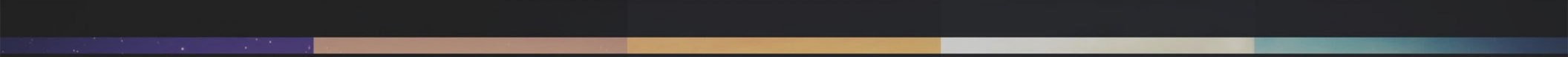


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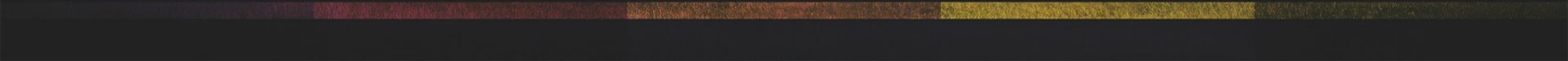
**1 THESSALONIANS**

**"Welcoming the Gospel"**

***1 Thessalonians 2:13-20***



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**Philippians 1:29**

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