



Life Under Tension

“A Church with the Right Stuff”

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Fact #1 – In both letters Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, the theme of Jesus’ return is found in every chapter.

Fact #2 – In 1 Thessalonians, 23 of the 89 verses tell us about the future, that’s 26% of Paul’s first letter.

Fact #3 – In 2 Thessalonians, 19 of the 47 verses are heavily focused on when Jesus is revealed from heaven, and what happens when He does, that’s 40% of the entire letter.

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Fact #4 – Paul spent less than 140 days in Thessalonica.

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Fact #5 – Paul and Silas left Thessalonica because of persecution, wondering if this infant church had the right stuff to survive.

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1st Reality – The Thessalonians stayed vigilant and focused on Jesus regardless of the social, religious, cultural, and political conflicts.

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2nd Reality – The Thessalonians understood that the gospel message is not about words alone; if the gospel is not lived out, others will never see, understand and accept it.

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3rd Reality – The Thessalonians understood by example that suffering and joy are always linked together for those who accept the gospel and follow Jesus.

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4th Reality – The Thessalonians never let go of the gospel, they shared it everywhere they went with lost, unbelieving people in ever widening circles.

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Implication #1 – We must be involved with and available for those without Jesus Christ.

Implication #2 – We must do everything in our power to live free from any cultural idols that take us away from serving God.

Implication #3 – As we wait for Jesus’ return, live at the ready, with eternity in mind.

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