

## **Cheer Up:**

### **Am I doing what will last?**

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**1 Thessalonians 2:1-2 (NIV) “You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition.”**

#### **1. CHECK YOUR MOTIVE**

**1 Thessalonians 2:3-6 (NIV) “For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else.”**

#### **2. WHAT DOESN'T LAST?**

- 2.1. Error doesn't last**
- 2.2. Lies don't last**
- 2.3. Impure motives**
- 2.4. Manipulation**
- 2.5. Flattery**
- 2.6. Masks**
- 2.7. Seeking praise from men**

#### **3. WHAT LASTS?**

- 3.1. Courage**
- 3.2. The Good News**
- 3.3. Pleasing God**

## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

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**OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.**

1. What lies are you holding onto and how do they influence the way you perceive life?
2. If you take a look at your life, are you busy with things that will last?
3. Is your heart focused on God or is it focused on your own motives (success, ambition, jealousy, pride, riches)?