

A STUDY OF

# 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

INCREASE ASSURANCE

## THE POWER OF AFFECTION AND THE ASSURANCE OF THE SAINTS

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# INTRODUCTION

A scenic view of the Great Wall of China winding through lush green mountains under a cloudy sky. The foreground shows the stone battlements of a watchtower.

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# OUR VISION:

To raise up anointed disciple-makers who are empowered to change their world for Christ.

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## **Genesis 26:12 (ESV)**

12 And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him,

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**PAUL AND HIS APOSTOLIC TEAM  
ASSURE THE YOUNG  
THESSALONIAN CHURCH  
OF THE AFFECTION OF GOD**

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# 1 Thessalonians 2:4-8

but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5 For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. 6 Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. 7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. 8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

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# 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12

9 For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. 10 You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. 11 For you know how, like a father with his children, 12 we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.



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But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face

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# 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

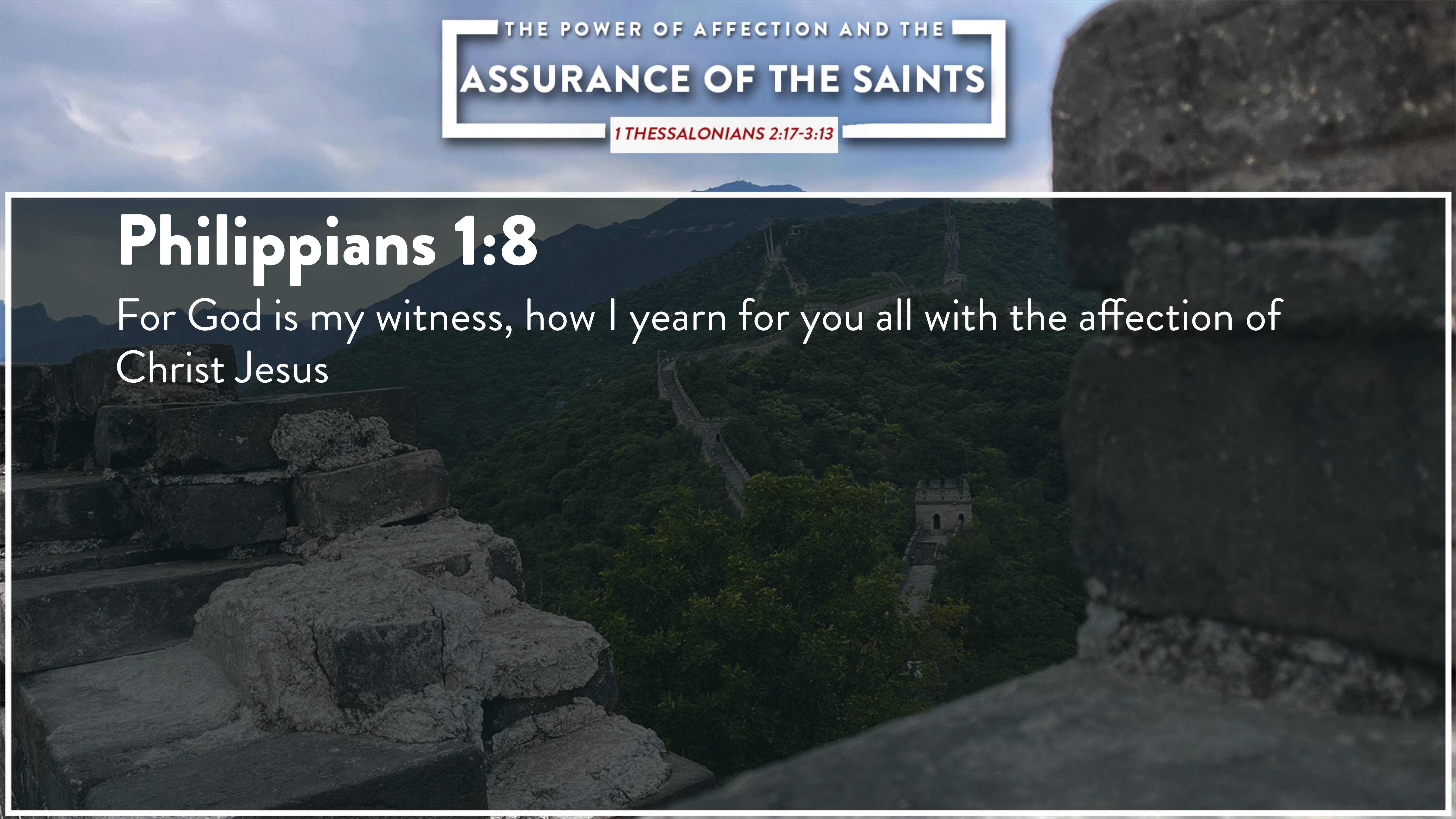
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# Philippians 1:8

For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus



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**Mathew Harmon:** The power of the gospel is shown in the supernatural affection that it produces not only for Jesus Christ himself, but also for those who belong to Jesus Christ. This affection is deepened as believers experience fellowship in the gospel. People who have little or nothing in common on an economic, social, political or ethnic basis are brought together by the Holy Spirit in unified devotion to Christ and the advance of his gospel.

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**PAUL ASSURES THE YOUNG  
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OF THEIR FAITH AND LOVE**

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**Brotherly love is the mark of a  
true conversion**

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# 1 Thessalonians 3:6-10

6 But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you. 7 Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. 8 For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. 9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith



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# 1 Thessalonians 4:10

And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more,

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**THE APOSTLE PAUL ASSURES THE  
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WITH HIS PRAYERS**

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**Love produce affection that  
produces holiness: that prepares  
for the Second Coming!**

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May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. 13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

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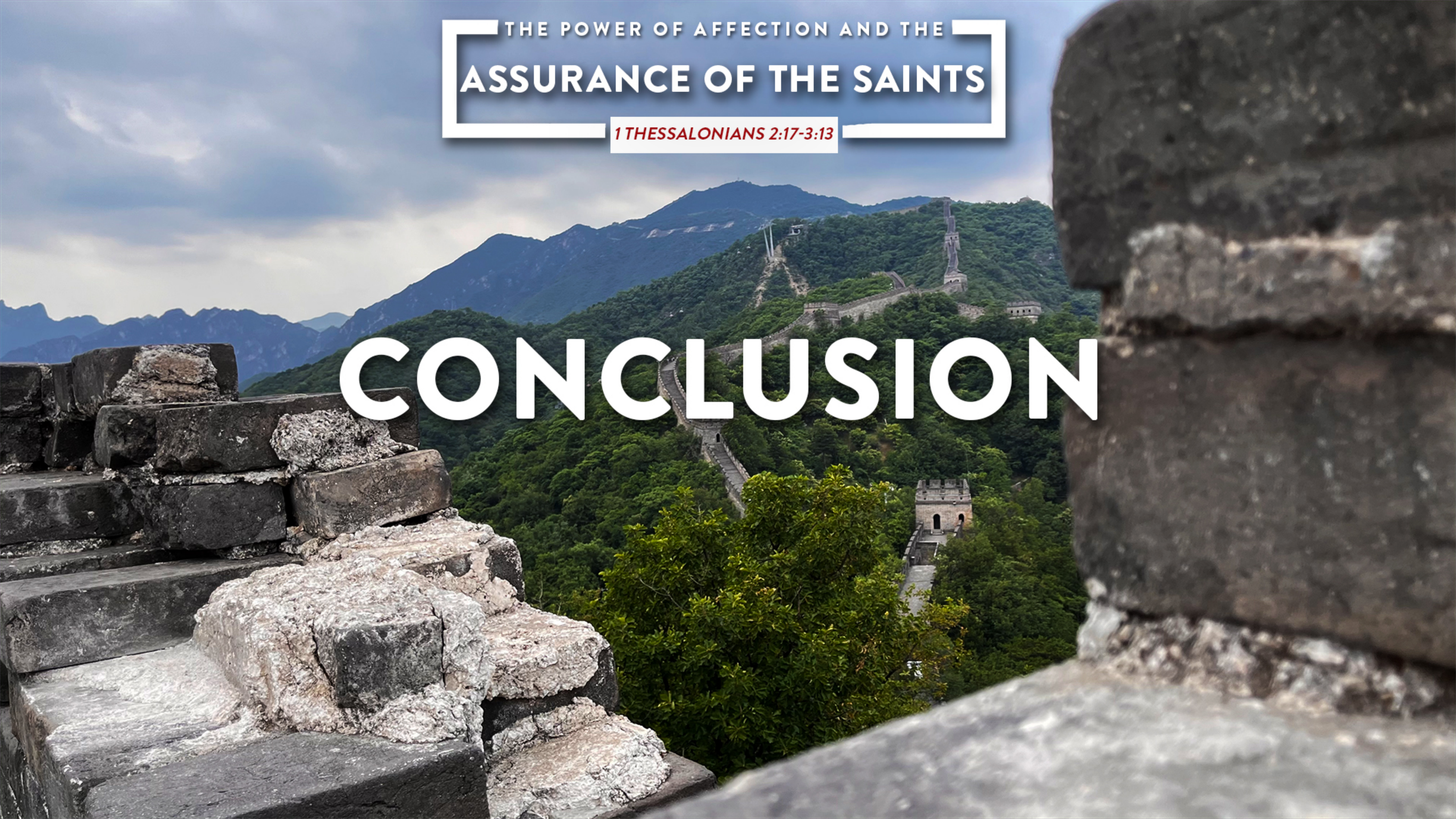
## Philippians 1: 8-11

For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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# CONCLUSION



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**The Affection of God  
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## Luke 10:30-38

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ 36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” 37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”



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