

# 2 THESS. 2:13-17

## STAND FIRM

### SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

LET'S TALK!

#### #1 GOD'S GRACE (v. 13a)

- Reflect on the phrase in verse 13 "beloved by the Lord". What have you done to deserve God's love? The answer is nothing. In fact, it's just the opposite. The Bible teaches we deserved not the Love of God, but His wrath (Ephesians 2). But God in His mercy and grace loves us.
- How does pouring the truth of God's Love for you around your feet help you to stand firm in the midst of life's challenges?

#### #2 FATHER'S CHOICE (v. 13b)

- Reflect on the phrase in verse 13 "God chose you". How does Paul know that these Thessalonians have been chosen? How do you know that God has chosen you? Read the rest of verse 13 for the answer. Sanctification is a big word for growing in Christlikeness. Paul says you can know you've been chosen because of the fruit it produces in your life. Sanctification begins to happen in your life, and he goes on to say you "believe in the truth".
- How does pouring the truth of the Father choosing you around your feet help you to stand firm in the midst of life's challenges?

#### #3 HOLY SPIRIT'S SANCTIFICATION (v. 13c-14)

- Reflect on the phrase in verse 13 "sanctification by the Spirit". Even the work of sanctification in your life is a work of God. You've probably heard the cliché "Let go and Let God". Well sanctification is actually "Take hold with God". Salvation is by no means accomplished through works. But we make a deliberate choice to either accept or reject the Gospel and the work of the Spirit in our lives.
- How does pouring the truth of Holy Spirit's Sanctification around your feet help you to stand firm in the midst of life's challenges?

#### #4 JESUS' PRESENCE (v. 16-17)

- Reflect on the phrase in verse 16 "Our Lord Jesus Christ himself". The prayer of Paul for these believers is that they would be comforted and established or rooted by the very presence of Jesus himself.
- How does pouring the truth of Jesus' Presence around your feet help you to stand firm in the midst of life's challenges?