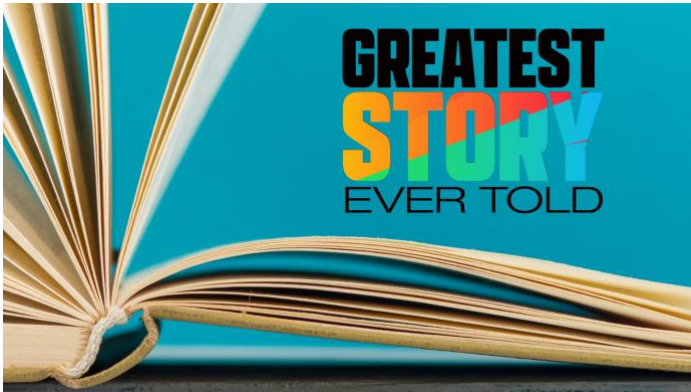


TAKE HOME SHEET



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**Read the passage from 1 Thessalonians in the Message Notes a few times - aloud if possible.**

**Now think about the following questions:**

What does it mean to me that God chose me to be his child? How should I respond to such love?

How do I see God's power evident in my life? Are there areas that I have not surrendered to Him and therefore miss out on His powerful working?

Do I regularly experience joy in my relationship with Jesus even when things are tough? Why or why not?

Am I connected with others where we mutually encourage and challenge each other to grow in our faith?

Am I living out my faith in such a way that others can see God's character and love through me?

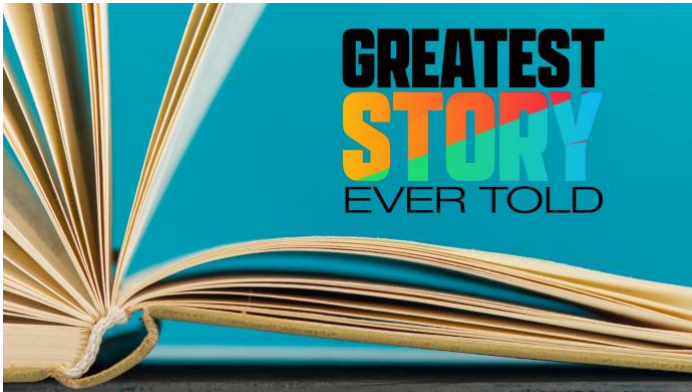
What can I do this week to follow the example of the believers in Thessalonica?

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**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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*<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. <sup>29</sup> For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.*

Romans 8:28–29 (NLT)

**An example worth following...**

*<sup>4</sup> We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people. <sup>5</sup> For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true. And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you. <sup>6</sup> So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord. <sup>7</sup> As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece—throughout both Macedonia and Achaia.*

*<sup>8</sup> And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it, <sup>9</sup> for they keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God. <sup>10</sup> And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven—Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment.*

1 Thessalonians 1:4-10 (NLT)

*...God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people.*

*...not only with words but also with power*

*...joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you.*

*...the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere...*

*...how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God.*