

## Walk This Way – The Gait of Grace

### 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12

#### Introduction

- Paul commends the Thessalonians: their faith is **growing**, their **love increasing**, despite hardship.
- Their witness is **visible**—Paul celebrates a faith that walks through fire without burning out.
- Reflection: *Is your walk with God visible? Is your love growing?*

#### 1. Our Walk is Evidence of Our Identity

*“We must always give thanks... because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love... is increasing.”* — 2 Thessalonians 1:3 (NRSV)

- Faith isn’t silent—it moves.
- Love isn’t hidden—it’s active.
- Reflection: Is my walk attracting or distracting others from Christ?

#### 2. Our Walk Is Still Under Construction

*“We always pray... that our God will make you worthy... and fulfill... every good resolve and work of faith.”* — 2 Thessalonians 1:11 (NRSV)

- Faith is *forming*, not finished.
- Mistakes don’t disqualify—intentional growth glorifies God.
- Encouragement: “Your walk might not be perfect, but it’s going forward—and that counts.”

#### 3. Faith Seen from a Distance

*“We boast of you... for your steadfastness and faith during... persecutions.”* — 2 Thessalonians 1:4 (NRSV)

- Acts of kindness, mercy, and endurance show Christ.
- Challenge: What’s one visible act this week that reflects your faith?

#### 4. Walk Together: The Church in Motion

*“Lead a life worthy of the calling... bearing with one another in love.”* — Ephesians 4:1–2 (NRSV)

- Faith is strongest when *walked in unity*.
- Together we reflect Christ more fully.
- *How is our church walking together in love and purpose?*

Closing Thought:

*A Walk Worth Watching*

- When others see you walking in kindness, joy, and faith—they'll know Who walks beside you.
- Let them say: "*There walks someone who walks with Jesus.*"