

# God's Blueprint for Faith Baptist Church

## Part 2 – Your Supervisor

### 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

#### Paul's Ministry to the Thessalonians

**1** For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:

**2** But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

**3** For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

**4** But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

**5** For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:

**6** Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

**7** But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

**8** So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

**9** For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail: for laboring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

**10** Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

**11** As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father *doth* his children,

**12** That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

**13** For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

**14** For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they *have* of the Jews:

**15** Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:

**16** Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

### **My Testimony to/at/of Faith**

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### **1 Thessalonians 2:3-4**

- In 1 Thessalonians 2 Paul reminds the church of how he has tried to minister to them.
- He strove to make it about the gospel and how it would work in their lives.
- He didn't want to be a financial burden, so he worked.

- He didn't want to seem like the message was about him so, he was transparent to how the gospel changed him.
- He didn't preach things to manipulate them to what he thought they should be.
- He was always desiring to see them have a glorious life in the gospel.
- Some did...and he praised their choice to believe his delivery of the Word of God.
  
- **Today marks my 11th year as the pastor here at Faith.**
  - I have in no way been perfect or even really above reproach.
  - But I do want to take some time as we go through this series to give some glory to God.
- **I have tried for 11 years now to minister or serve this church with all of who I am.**
  - If I have an ability, it has be utilized for God's Glory here at faith
  - If I see a need, I have tried to meet it, and when I don't know how, I learn
  - I can honestly say that there is much of my heart through blood, sweat, and tears in this church
- **I have tried for 11 years to make sense of how the gospel can and will work in the lives of those that sit and listen**
  - I push for a personal walk with Christ most every message
  - I know that living the gospel in my life has made a great change in not just who you see,
    - but how I look at every aspect of life as it pertains to living for Christ

- I have been bi-vocational for 11 years and have no plan of ever being a financial burden to this church...
  - I am not here for money
- **I strive to make sure I am not the hero**
  - The message is never about me, but always has me in it
  - I believe if you don't know that I am just as prone to sin as you are, you have no reason to trust what I say
  - So I try to be real with my struggles, so you know that God DOES change lives!
- **I strive to let the gospel move you, not my personal feelings or desires I may have to manipulate you**
  - There is a fine line between provoking someone to good works and manipulation someone to work
- **I want nothing more than to see each person of Faith Baptist Greenfield to have a vibrant personal walk with Jesus**
- **A few years ago (more than 20) I used to work on many various job sites**
  - When I would get to a new jobsite there was always one guy I was looking for
  - There would be many people there doing so many different things
  - The jobsite was heading towards a completed end, whether an apartment building or office building or a new neighborhood
  - Everyone there had a job to do, though they were different
    - Excavation
    - Foundations
    - Framing
    - Electrical

- Plumbing
  - Drywall
  - Painting
  - Furnishings and decorations
- Everyone's job was different, but everyone's goal should have been the same, do their respective job well
- When I would get to the site to perform my task I would go to the Jobsite Trailer and find the Jobsite Supervisor
  - This guy had all the plans and blueprints
  - This guy had all the information needed to direct the different professionals to do their part
  - In order to do my part, I had to see the supervisor to know where to place things, how to place them and what they should look like
  - If I asked just anyone there, they could give me some information, but they would inevitably tell me, see the Supervisor
  - It was the Supervisor's job to point each diverse professional to a completed end
  - It wasn't his design, nor did he take ownership of the property when done
  - He was performing this for the Owner
- The Jobsite was the Owner's, and the completed task was the Owner's
  - The Supervisor was just there to point everyone to the Blueprint
- This Church belongs to God and You, the completed task belong to Him as well
  - You're not His finished product yet
  - The Foundation has been set (it is Christ)
  - The Blueprint has been printed (it is the Word)

- God has given you a supervisor to point you to where you are to build (the foundation)
- And to point you to the Blueprint
- I thank God for those who have and are trusting the vision God has given for this Jobsite
  - I thank and praise God for those who are coming to do their part
- I met a few Jobsite Supervisor's over the years that really struggled to have a grasp on what their job was
  - It was hard to trust them
  - It sometimes made it difficult to trust the next one I would work with
  - Don't let some past pastor shape your opinion of how I am going to or supposed to do the job
  - Let my testimony speak for itself, please
  - And trust me as I point us to our Completed End of being like Christ
  - You might be saying, "I trust you" in your head and heart, but...
    - Are you building on the foundation?
    - Are you going to the blueprint for how best to build?
    - If you're not, it is either that you don't trust me...
    - Or you don't trust the Owner