

Pray For Us > 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

3:1-2 *Pray for us.* Paul asks the Thessalonians to pray for two requests: that others would experience the same kind of Gospel transformation that they themselves have had. And that the Lord would protect Paul and his fellow ministry workers from those who seek to derail what the Lord is doing.

3:3 *Pray for this.* As the Thessalonians pray for Paul, they can also have confidence to pray the same sorts of things for themselves.

3:4-5 *Prayer for you.* As so often, Paul closes this part of the letter by praying for the Thessalonians: that they would grow ever-nearer to Jesus.

Background: As Paul moves to the end of his letter, he wants to combine the encouragement that the Thessalonians need with the necessity to trust the Lord and live by faith.

The Point: Standing firm in the Lord looks like trusting him in how you pray for others, yourself, and receive the prayers that others offer on your behalf.

Head: Know that the Lord hears your prayers – you don't have to be an apostle to care for others in prayer.

Heart: Believe that, however weak or new in the faith, you can serve others by praying to the Lord on their behalf.

Hands: Take time this week to pray – pray for somebody in the congregation, pray for your own needs. Allow somebody else to know your needs and pray for you.

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
