

## I Thessalonians

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A verse can express a spiritual truth even if it is in a story which may not be historical.

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<p><b>1:1</b> Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ</p> <p><b>2</b> We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;</p> <p><b>3</b> Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;</p> <p><b>4</b> Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.</p> <p>`</p> <p><b>5</b> For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.</p> <p>`</p> <p><b>6</b> And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:</p> <p>`</p> <p><b>7</b> So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.</p> <p>`</p> <p><b>8</b> For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so</p>	<p><b>1:1</b> From Paul<sup>1</sup> and Silas and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p><b>2</b> We give thanks to God always for you all, including you in our prayers.</p> <p><b>3</b> We remember without ceasing your works of faith, and labors of love and patient hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God our Father,</p> <p><b>4</b> knowing, beloved fellow believers, that God has chosen you.</p> <p><b>5</b> For our gospel (good news) did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit), and with much assurance, as you could see what kind of person we were among you as examples to you.</p> <p><b>6</b> And you became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in spite of persecution, but also with the joy of the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit).</p> <p><b>7</b> You thus were examples to all the believers in Macedonia (northern Greece) and Achaia (southern Greece).</p> <p><b>8</b> For from you the word of the Lord went out, not only in northern Greece and southern Greece, but also in every place your faith toward God has</p>

<p>that we need not to speak any thing.</p> <p>9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;</p> <p>10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.</p>	<p>spread, so that we do not need to say anything to spread the word.</p> <p>9 For all these people themselves tell us how you welcomed us, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,</p> <p>10 and now wait for God's Son from heaven, whom God raised from the dead, namely Jesus, who delivered us from the wrath to come.</p>
<p><b>2:1</b> For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.</p> <p>10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:</p> <p>11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,</p> <p>12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.</p> <p>13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God</p>	<p><b>2:1</b> Fellow believers, you know that our coming to you was not in vain.</p> <p>2 For even though we had suffered and were shamefully treated, as you know, at Philippi, we were bold in God to tell you the gospel of God, although there was much opposition.</p> <p>3 Our preaching to you was not done with deceit, nor with impure motives, nor with a selfish motive.</p> <p>4 But as we were allowed by God to be trusted with the gospel, even so, we speak, not to please people, but to please God, who tests our hearts.</p> <p>5 For at no time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor hide an intention of gain, as God is our witness.</p> <p>6 And we did not seek glory from people, neither from you, nor from others, when we might have rightly done so as the apostles of Christ.</p> <p>7 But we were gentle among you, like a mother nursing her children.</p> <p>8 Because of our love for you, we were willing to give to you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own selves, because you were dear to us.</p> <p>9 For you remember, fellow believers, our labor and hard work, laboring both night and day to support ourselves, because we did not want you to have to support us, as we preached to you the gospel of God.</p> <p>10 You are witnesses, and God also, how purely and justly and blamelessly we lived among you who believe in the Lord.</p> <p>11 And also you know how we exhorted and comforted and encouraged every one of you, as parents do their children,</p> <p>12 so that you would walk worthy of God, who has called you to God's kingdom and glory.</p> <p>13 For this cause also we thank God without ceasing, because, when you received the word of</p>

<p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>17 But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.</p> <p>18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.</p> <p>19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?</p> <p>20 For ye are our glory and joy.</p>	<p>God which you heard from us, you did not receive it as the word of people, but as it truly is, the word of God, which effectually works in you who believe.</p> <p>14 For you, fellow believers, have suffered like the churches of God in Judea which are in Christ Jesus, for you also have suffered similar persecutions from persons of your own country, even as they have from the Jews.</p> <p>15 For Jews who did not believe in the Lord killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us, and they do not please God and are contrary to all humanity.</p> <p>16 They forbid us to speak to the Gentiles so that the Gentiles might be saved. They are filled with sins always, and wrath has come upon them to the full.</p> <p>17 But we, fellow believers, being absent from you for a short time, though not in our hearts, wanted and endeavored even more to see you again.</p> <p>18 We would have come to you, and I, Paul, tried more than once, but Satan hindered us.</p> <p>19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not you, who will stand in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?</p> <p>20 For you are our glory and joy.</p>
<p><b>3:1</b> Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;</p> <p>2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:</p> <p>3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.</p> <p>4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.</p> <p>5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.</p> <p>6 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us</p>	<p><b>3:1</b> Therefore when we could wait no longer, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone.</p> <p>2 And we sent Timothy, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow laborer for the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith,</p> <p>3 so that you would not be discouraged by these afflictions, for you yourselves know that we have been called to endure them.</p> <p>4 For truly, when we were with you, we told you that we would suffer tribulation, and this came to pass, as you know.</p> <p>5 For this reason, when I could wait no longer, I sent to know of your faith, lest by some means the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor be in vain.</p> <p>6 But now Timothy has come from you to us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and love, and told us that you have good thoughts of us always,</p>

<p>always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:  7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:  `  8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.  `  9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;  10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?  11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.  12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:  13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.</p>	<p>desiring greatly to see us, as we also wish to see you.  7 Therefore, fellow believers, we were comforted regarding you by your faith despite all our affliction and distress.  8 For now we have a renewed life, knowing that you stand fast in the Lord.  9 We cannot thank God enough for you, for all the joy before our God we have because of you.  10 We pray exceedingly night and day that we might see your faces and might perfect anything which is lacking in your faith.  11 May God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ direct our way to you.  12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love toward one another, and toward all people, even as we do toward you.  13 And may the Lord establish your hearts blameless in holiness before God our Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all those who believe in him.  `</p>
<p>4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.  2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.  3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:  4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;  5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:  6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.  7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.  8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost).  9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I</p>	<p>4:1 Furthermore we beg you, fellow believers, and urge you by the Lord Jesus, that as you have learned from us how you ought to live to please God, you would do so and abound more and more.  2 For you know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.  3 For this is the will of God, that you should sanctify yourself and abstain from sexual immorality:  4 that each one of you should know how to control your body in sanctification and honor  5 and not be moved by lustful desires, as the Gentiles are who do not know God.  6 No persons should wrong and defraud others in any matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all who are mistreated, as we also have formerly warned you and testified.  7 For God has not called us to impure thoughts or acts, but to holiness.  8 Therefore anyone who rejects this teaching rejects not people, but God, who has also given to us God's Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit).  9 But regarding brotherly and sisterly love, you</p>

<p>write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.</p> <p>10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;</p> <p>11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;</p> <p>12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.</p> <p>13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.</p> <p>14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.</p> <p>15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.</p> <p>16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:</p> <p>17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.</p> <p>18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.</p>	<p>do not need me to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another.</p> <p>10 And indeed you do it toward all the fellow believers who are in all of Macedonia, but we urge you, fellow believers, to do it more and more,</p> <p>11 and that your intention be to live quietly, and mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you.</p> <p>12 Act honestly toward those who do not believe in the Lord, so that you may lack nothing.</p> <p>13 But I would not have you ignorant, fellow believers, concerning those who have passed on so that you do not grieve, as do those who have no hope.</p> <p>14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then, even so, we believe that God will bring with God those who sleep in Jesus.</p> <p>15 For we say this to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain so to the coming of the Lord, will not go ahead of those who have passed on.</p> <p>16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel (chief angel) and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.</p> <p>17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will ever be with the Lord.</p> <p>18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.</p>
<p><b>5:1</b> But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.</p> <p>2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.</p> <p>3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.</p> <p>4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.</p> <p>5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.</p> <p>6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.</p>	<p><b>5:1</b> But of the times of these events, fellow believers, you have no need for me to write to you.</p> <p>2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night.</p> <p>3 For when they say, "Peace and safety," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor comes upon a woman about to have a child. And they will not escape.</p> <p>4 But you, fellow believers, are not in darkness, and that day will not overtake you as a thief.</p> <p>5 You are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness.</p> <p>6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do; but let us watch and be sober.</p>

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.  
 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.  
 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.  
 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.  
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 12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;  
 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.  
 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.  
 15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.  
 16 Rejoice evermore.  
 17 Pray without ceasing.  
 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.  
 19 Quench not the Spirit.  
 20 Despise not prophesyings.  
 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.  
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 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.  
 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.  
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 25 Brethren, pray for us.  
 26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.  
 27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.  
 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

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 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.  
 9 For God has not chosen us for wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 10 who died for us so that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.  
 11 Therefore continue to comfort yourselves together, and lift up one another in thought, even as you are doing.  
 12 And we beg you, fellow believers, to respect those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and instruct you.  
 13 Esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.  
 14 Now we urge you, fellow believers, warn those who are unruly, encourage the discouraged, help the weak, be patient toward all people.  
 15 See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and toward all others.  
 16 Rejoice evermore.  
 17 Pray without ceasing.  
 18 For everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.  
 19 Do not restrict the spirit of God.  
 20 Do not despise prophesyings.  
 21 Test all things and prove them; hold fast to that which is good.  
 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.  
 23 May the God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God that your whole spirit and body be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 24 Faithful is God who calls you, who also will fulfill God's promises.  
 25 Fellow believers, pray for us.  
 26 Greet all the fellow believers with a holy kiss.  
 27 I request by the Lord that this letter be read to all the holy fellow believers.  
 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> (1:1) Mainstream Bible scholars consider 1 Thessalonians to be one of the seven authentic books of the Bible by Paul along with Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians and Philemon.