

## sermon notes

### Good News from a Long Distance Away 1 Thessalonians 3:6-10 April 21, 2024

introduction: “As cold water to a weary soul, so is good news from a far country” (Proverbs 25:25). Paul was not able to get back to minister to the new believers in Thessalonica (1 Thessalonians 2:17-18). So he sent Timothy to see how they were doing (1 Thessalonians 3:1-5). Timothy later rejoined Paul with a good report.

1. Your consistent \_\_\_\_\_ faith \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ love \_\_\_\_\_ can be a tremendous encouragement to other Christians, especially those who are going through difficulties (1 Thessalonians 3:6-8).

supporting Scriptures: Hebrews chapter 11 (examples of faith)  
1 John 3:17-18  
1 Corinthians 15:58  
Revelation 2:10 (example of Polycarp)

2. Give \_\_\_\_\_ thanks \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord for the \_\_\_\_\_ joy \_\_\_\_\_ that other believers bring to your life (1 Thessalonians 3:9).

supporting Scriptures: Philippians 2:13  
1 Thessalonians 1:2  
1 Thessalonians 5:18  
1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

3. Pray for opportunities to help other Christians \_\_\_\_\_ grow \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually (1 Thessalonians 3:10).

supporting Scriptures: Ephesians 4:12  
2 Peter 3:18

concluding personal illustration: Don't be a spiritual “Dead Sea” — lots of input, but no output.