### Accountability with Hope 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13



# How should we hold each other accountable in Christ?

(prayer)

#### **Growing Together, While Apart**

- 1 Impact of Faith
- 2a,b Toil of Love
- 3 Accountability with Hope
- 4 Growing in Purity + Love
- 5a Hope of Salvation
- **5b** Acts of **Faith**



### We endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face

1 Thessalonians 2:17 (ESV)

#### outline

- 1. Purpose: Strengthened Faith [v1-5]
- 2. Product: Joy + Thanksgiving [v6-10]
- 3. Prayer: Love + Purity [v11-13]



We sent Timothy ...
to establish and exhort you in your faith,
that no one be moved by these afflictions.

For you yourselves know that we are destined for this.

1 Thessalonians 3:2-3 (ESV)

I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.

1 Thessalonians 3:5 (ESV)

- 1. Anticipate Suffering for Christ
- 2. Initiate Support
- 3. Use Comfort, not Coercion



For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass

1 Thessalonians 3:4 (ESV)

### We sent Timothy ... to establish and exhort you in your faith

1 Thessalonians 3:2 (ESV)

## What is the purpose of accountability?



outline

### the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly

1 Thessalonians 3:6 (ESV)

in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith.

8 For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 3:7-8 (ESV)

For what **thanksgiving** can we return to God for you, for all the **joy** that we feel for your sake before our God,

1 Thessalonians 3:9 (ESV)

as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

1 Thessalonians 3:9 (ESV)

# What makes me feel truly alive?



- Motorcycle! Sunrise after 5am run!
  - Laughter w/friends+fam!
  - Not bad things: blessings from God
- Promise: abundant joy, immeas thanks to

### Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,

1 Thessalonians 3:11 (ESV)

## and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all,

1 Thessalonians 3:12 (ESV)

as we do for you,

so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3:13 (ESV)

## How do I pray for those around me?

(prayer)

