## The Impact of Faith 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

# How do I make a difference in others' lives?

(prayer)

(Thessalonika)



### Impact of Faith (1Thes1)

- 1. Energy (v2-3)
- 2. Election (v4-5)
- 3. Example (v6-10)

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father

your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (ESV)

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13 (ESV)

#### 1 Thessalonians

#### **Growing Together, Even When Apart**

- 1: Impact of Faith (Thes)
- 2a+b: Toil of Love (Paul)
- 3: Strength from Hope (Tim's report)
- 4: Growing in Purity + Love
- 5a: Hope of Salvation
- 5b: Acts of Faith



#### remembering before our God and Father your work of faith

1 Thessalonians 1:3 (ESV)

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Psalm 127:1 (ESV)

#### and labor of love

1 Thessalonians 1:3 (ESV)

#### and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 (ESV)

# Is my work driven by faith, hope, and love?

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For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word,

but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 (ESV)

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

Acts 10:44-46 (ESV) (p.1/3)

45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed,

because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

Acts 10:44-46 (ESV) (p.2/3)

#### 46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Acts 10:44-46 (ESV) (p.3/3)

## Have I experienced the Holy Spirit's power as the gospel is proclaimed?

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You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord,

1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 (ESV)

for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

1 Thessalonians 1:6-7 (ESV)

For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia,

but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.

1 Thessalonians 1:8 (ESV)

For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you,

and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

1 Thessalonians 1:9 (ESV)

and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 1:10 (ESV)





# Whose faith journey has impacted me? How does my faith in Christ impact others?