

Orphaned but not Unloved

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

How should I handle
loneliness in my
Christian walk?

Growing Together, While Apart

1 Impact of **Faith**

2a Toil of **Love**

2b Orphaned but **Loved**

3 Strength from **Hope**

4 Growing in Purity + **Love**

5a **Hope** of Salvation

5b Acts of **Faith**

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When we feel:

1. **Directionless** (v13)
2. **Attacked** (v14-16)
3. **Forgotten** (v17-20)

And we also thank God constantly for this,
that when you **received** the word of God,
which you heard from us,

you **accepted** it not as the word of **men**
but as what it really is, the word of **God**,
which is at work in you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (ESV)

But one who has **looked intently**
at the perfect law, the **law of freedom**,
and has continued in it, not having become
a **forgetful hearer** but an **active doer**,
this person will be blessed in what he does.

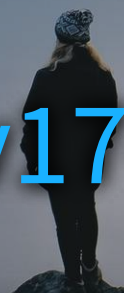
James 1:25 (NASB)

What is my
attitude towards
God's **Word**?

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For you, brothers, became **imitators**
of the **churches** of God in Christ Jesus
that are in Judea.

For you **suffered** the same things
from your own **countrymen**
as they did from the Jews,

1 Thessalonians 2:14 (ESV)

who killed both
the Lord **Jesus** and the **prophets**,
and drove **us** out,
and displease **God**
and oppose all **mankind**
by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles
that they might be saved —

1 Thessalonians 2:15-16 (ESV)

If they **persecuted** me,
they will also persecute you.
If they **kept my word**, they will also keep yours.

But all these things they will do to you
on account of **my name**,
because they do not know him who **sent** me.

John 15:20-21 (ESV)

so as always to **fill up**
the measure of their **sins**.
But **wrath** has come upon them at last!

1 Thessalonians 2:16b (ESV)

Who else has
endured **suffering**
for the gospel?

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But since we were **torn away** from you,
brothers, for a **short** time,
in **person** not in **heart**,

1 Thessalonians 2:17 (ESV)

we endeavored the more **eagerly** and with
great desire to see you face to face,
because we wanted to come to you —
I, Paul, **again and again** —
but **Satan** hindered us.

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 (ESV)

For what is our **hope** or **joy**
or **crown** of boasting
before our Lord Jesus at his coming?

Is it not you?
For you are our **glory** and **joy**.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 (ESV)

Why should we
continue **growing**
in faith in Christ?

