

# Orphaned but not Unloved

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

How should I handle  
**loneliness** in my  
Christian walk?

(prayer)

# Growing Together, While Apart

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**1** Impact of **Faith**

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**2a** Toil of **Love**

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**2b** Orphaned but **Loved**

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**3** Strength from **Hope**

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**4** Growing in Purity + **Love**

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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.

**21** 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,  
**18** 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?**

(prayer)