

# Orphaned but not Unloved

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20



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

(prayer)

# Growing Together, While Apart

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

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**2a,b** Toil of **Love**

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

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

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**5a** **Hope** of Salvation

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**5b** Acts of **Faith**



# Orphaned but not Unloved (1Thes2)

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  
16 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 2:16 (ESV)

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



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

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?

20 For you are our glory and joy.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 (ESV)

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

(prayer)