# The Toil of Love

爱心的勞苦

1 Thessalonians 帖撒羅尼迦前書 2:1-12

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# How do we share the gospel when we are weak?

# 當我們軟弱時如何外事福音?

### **Growing Together, While Apart** 當分開時一起成長

1	Impact of Faith	信心的影響
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3	Strength from Hope	來自盼望的力量
4	Grow in Purity + Love	在清潔和愛中成長
5a	Hope of Salvation	救贖的盼望
5b	Acts of Faith	信心的行爲

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#### For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive,

1 Thessalonians 2:3 (ESV)

For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed -God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people

1 Thessalonians 2:5 (ESV)

but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

1 Thessalonians 2:4 (ESV)

# (clean hearts)

# Is my heart clean as I share the gospel? 當我分享福音時, 我的心是潔淨的嗎?

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#### But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.

1 Thessalonians 2:7 (ESV)

So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (ESV)

For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:9 (ESV)

### Labour and Toil 做工跟辛勞

- "All work is sinful" 所有的工作是 罪惡的
- "All work is holy" 所有的工作是 聖潔 的

(work hard, care deeply)



# Do I work hard and care deeply as I proclaim the gospel?

當我傳揚福音時, 我是否努力工作又深切關心?

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You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:10 (ESV)

For you know how, like a father with his children, 12 we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (ESV)

(walk worthily)



Will I encourage, comfort, and testify that others may walk worthy of God's calling?

我會勸勉,安慰,見證,好讓 其他人也可行事對得起神的呼召嗎?

# (prayer)