## 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

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

我們的勸勉不是出於錯誤, 不是出於污穢,也不是用詭詐。

1 Thessalonians 帖撒羅尼迦前書 2:3 (ESV/CUV)

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

> 因爲我們從來沒有用過諂媚的話, 這是你們知道的: 也沒有藏著貪心, 這是神可以作見證的。

1 Thessalonians 帖撒羅尼迦前書 2:5 (ESV/CUV)

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.

但神既然驗中了我們,把福音託付我們, 我們就照樣講,不是要討人喜歡, 乃是要討那察驗我們心的神喜歡

1 Thessalonians 帖撒羅尼迦前書 2:4 (ESV/CUV)

(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.

> 只在你們中間存心溫柔, 如同母親乳養自己的孩子

1 Thessalonians 帖撒羅尼迦前書 2:7 (ESV/CUV)

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.

我們既是這樣爱你們, 不但願意將神的福音給你們, 連自己的性命也願意給你們, 因你們是我們所疼愛的

1 Thessalonians 帖撒羅尼迦前書 2:8 (ESV/CUV)

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.

> 弟兄們,你們記念我們的 辛苦勞碌, 書夜做工, 傳神的福音給你們, 免得叫你們一人受累

1 Thessalonians 帖撒羅尼迦前書 2:9 (ESV/CUV)

#### 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.

> 我們向你們信主的人, 是何等聖潔、公義、無可指摘, 有你們作見證,也有神作見證。

1 Thessalonians 帖撒羅尼迦前書 2:10 (ESV/CUV)

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.

你們也曉得我們怎樣勸勉你們, 安慰你們,囑咐你們各人, 好像父親待自己的兒女一樣,要叫你們 行事對得起那召你們進他國、得他榮耀的神。 (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)