



## Steadfast Faith Amid Affliction

### 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5

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I. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ for these Thessalonian believers

A. *Torn Away* = To be \_\_\_\_\_

B. Their effort to return to them was so great that only \_\_\_\_\_  
opposition could explain why they did not return

II. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ in these Thessalonian believers

A. The ultimate focus of Paul's joy, hope, and glorying is not merely in the Thessalonians' persevering faith, but ultimately in the power of their \_\_\_\_\_ at work that has enabled faith to arrive in the lives of Paul's flock, and has enabled faith to persevere and continue in their lives

### III. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ for these Thessalonian Believers

- A. Paul was concerned that their \_\_\_\_\_ would be shaken amid the persecution that they faced
  
- B. When it got too much to bear, they devised a plan to check in on the Thessalonians and help them weather the storm of persecution that they faced
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ they send ... *Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the Gospel of Christ*
  
  - 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ they send him to do ... *To establish and exhort you in your faith*
  
  - 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ they send him ... *that no one be moved by these afflictions*

### IV. Concluding Application

- A. Consider the \_\_\_\_\_ that Paul attached to this matter of steadfast faith
  
- B. The only way that anyone will triumph in the battle of this life is through \_\_\_\_\_ in the blood of Christ to wash away your sins