Tuesday, August 1
Introduction to 1 Thessalonians

**Author:** The Apostle Paul (1:1, 2:18)

**Date Written:** Most likely written around 51 AD.

**Theme of the Book:** Growth of a New Church

**Outline of the Book:**
- I. Personal Experience (1-3)
- II. Practical Exhortation (4-5)

**Key Verses:**
- 1 Thess 4:1 – An exhortation to continue walking after God
- 1 Thess 4:3 – God’s Will - Sanctification
- 1 Thess 4:13-18 – the Rapture
- 1 Thess 5:1-3 – the Day of the Lord

**Summary Statement:** “Paul wrote to let them (Thessalonians) know how thankful he was. He wrote to let them know of his tender concern for them. He wrote to encourage them in the face of the opposition, even persecution, that still confronted them. He wrote to give them fuller information about matters in which their zeal had outdistanced their knowledge. He wrote to put them further along the Christian way that meant so much to him and to them.” -Leon Morris, New International Commentary on the NT

If you are able, read the introduction section for 1 Thessalonians in a good study Bible (MacArthur, ESV).

Make sure to look over the basic outline of the book so you can better understand the flow of where the author is going!
1 Thessalonians 1 & 2

- How were the Thessalonians examples to the rest of the believers in Macedonia?

- Paul says his glory and joy are the believers he ministered to and fellowshipped with. Why does he say this?
1 Thessalonians 3

- Why was Paul worried about the Thessalonians?

- List some ways you plan to “abound in love for one another”.

1 Thessalonians 4

- What are some warnings about sin you see in this chapter? How are you actively combating temptation in your walk with Christ?

- How is Christ’s future return something to comfort others with now?
1 Thessalonians 5

- After reading the entire chapter, go back and re-read vs. 2-6 and then study those verses using the “T.A.N.” method.

- **THEN:**
  - What did the passage mean to the original author & audience?
    - **Tip** -- how does the passage fit into the overall theme of the book and the context of the chapter?

- **ALWAYS:**
  - What is/are the timeless truth(s) being communicated?
    - **Tip** -- use the “THEN” and then relate it to how Christians should apply the “THEN” today

- **NOW:**
  - How do I personally need to respond to the timeless truth?
  - Is there something I need to be doing better or differently in order to apply the timeless truth?
Sunday, August 6

**Review Day**

_Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed._
Monday, August 7
Introduction to 2 Thessalonians

**Author:** The Apostle Paul

**Date Written:** Most likely written around 52 AD.

**Theme of the Book:** Comfort and Correction

**Outline of the Book:**

- Encouragement in Persecution (1)
- Explanation of the Day of the Lord (2)
- Exhortations to Readiness (3)

**Key Verses:**

2 Thess. 1:7 – Christ will return

2 Thess. 2:3–12 – Antichrist will deceive many people

2 Thess. 3 – Be diligent in light of the coming Day of the Lord

**Summary Statement:** “The theme of the second coming of Jesus dominates 2 Thessalonians. Jesus’ coming will be preceded by a rebellion and by the revelation of Antichrist. When Jesus comes, he will defeat this rebellious world ruler and bring justice to oppressed Christians, and wrath to their persecutors and to unbelievers in general.” – The ESV Study Bible, Crossway, 2001.

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What afflictions are you enduring currently or expecting you may have to endure in the future? What are you doing to persevere (or prepare to)?

What are some ways that you can use today’s passage to encourage others?

Is there anyone that you can you think of to encourage with what you learned?
The man of lawlessness sounds quite foreboding and worrisome. Why shouldn't we be concerned about him?

What are the “traditions” the Thessalonians were taught?
Thursday, August 10

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

- What are some places you know of where the word of the Lord needs to spread? List them and pray that the gospel would come to those areas.

- Where are you needing to better direct your heart to loving God instead of yourself? What are you doing about it?
Friday, August 11

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

- What does it mean to live an “unruly life”? Are any areas of your life characterized by this? What are you doing about it?

- Who are some people you know (or know of) who model a disciplined life? In what ways should you follow their example?
Introduction to 1 Timothy

**Author:** The Apostle Paul

**Date Written:** Most likely written around 59 AD.

**Theme of the Book:** A Manual for Church Life

**Outline of the Book:**

- For Timothy (1-3)
- For Timothy to the Church (4-6)

**Key Chapters:**

- **1 Tim 2** – Duty of men & role of women in public worship
- **1 Tim 3** – Qualifications of elders & deacons; purpose of the letter
- **1 Tim 4** – Dangers and defense of dangers; personal exhortation to Timothy
- **1 Tim 5** – Duties toward the young, widows, and elders

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Sunday, August 13

**Review Day**

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1 Timothy 1

- Where do you need to retrain your conscience towards what is right? What are you doing about it?

- How are verses 12-17 an encouragement to you today?
1 Timothy 2

Why should we pray for people in authority over us, even those in the government?

What does it mean that Christ gave Himself as a ransom?
1 Timothy 3

- What does it mean to be above reproach? Why is this so important for an overseer?

- Why does Paul call the church the “pillar and support of the truth”?
Thursday, August 17

1 Timothy 4

- Where do you need to better discipline yourself for godliness? What are you doing about it?

- Why should our hope be fixed on God as opposed to someone (or something) else?
1 Timothy 5

- Why does rejecting the command to provide for one’s household signify that someone is an unbeliever?

- Why shouldn’t elders be ordained too quickly, even if they seem to meet the qualifications?
Saturday, August 19

1 Timothy 6

- In what ways are you easily tempted to be discontent? What are you doing to avoid it?

- How are verses 14-16 an encouragement to you today?
Sunday, August 20

Review Day

Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.
Author: Paul
Recipient: Timothy
Date Written: ~65-67 AD.
Theme of the Book: Ministry as Spiritual Combat

Outline of the Book:
- Instructions for Spiritual Combat (1-3)
- Commission to Spiritual Combat (4)

Key Chapters:
- 2 Tim 2 – Keys for a successful minister
- 2 Tim 3 – The peril of and protection from apostasy

Key Verses:
- 2 Tim 2:1-21 – The character of a soldier of the cross/athlete/farmer/vessel
- 2 Tim 3:16-17 – All Scripture is inspired by God...
- 2 Tim 4:1-6 – Final exhortation – preach the Word!

Summary Statement: The letter of 2nd Timothy is Paul writing his final words to his dear son in the faith, Timothy. Paul reflects on the fact that he will most likely die soon having “finished [his] course” (2 Tim 4:7). However, Paul exhorts and encourages Timothy to carry on the ministry of the Gospel with boldness and confidence, no matter what obstacles he might have to endure.

If you are able, read the introduction section for 2 Timothy in a good study Bible (MacArthur, ESV).

Make sure to look over the basic outline of the book so you can better understand the flow of where the author is going!
Tuesday, August 22

2 Timothy 1

- Where are you tempted to be timid in your walk with God? What are you going to do about it?

- What is the “treasure” that Paul tells Timothy to guard?
2 Timothy 2

- Which of the three analogies (soldier, athlete, farmer) is most helpful in conforming your life to righteousness today, and how?

- Which of the characteristics in verses 24-25 are you going to seek to grow in, why, and how?
2 Timothy 3

- Which of the characteristics in verses 2-5 do you wrestle with? What are you doing to continue putting them off?

- How are verses 16-17 an encouragement to you today?
2 Timothy 4

- What does Paul mean when he says people will want to “have their ears tickled”?

- Who is Paul likely referring to when he mentions Mark?
Saturday, August 26

2 Timothy Review

- Re-read the entire book of 2 Timothy today. Is there anything that stood out to you that you might have missed before?

- How does reading an entire book at a time help you understand that book better?
Sunday, August 27

**Review Day**

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Monday, August 28
Introduction to Titus

**Author:** Paul

**Recipient:** Titus

**Date Written:** ~62-64 AD.

**Theme of the Book:** Adorning the Doctrine of God

**Outline of the Book:***

- As Leaders (1)
- In the Church (2)
- In the World (3)

**Key Verses:**

**Titus 1:5-9** – Elder qualifications

**Titus 2:3-5** – Older women likewise are to be reverent...train younger women

**Titus 2:11-13** – “…to live sensibly, righteously…”

**Titus 3:5** – Salvation apart from works; regeneration and the Holy Spirit

**Summary Statement:** The letter of Titus is from the Apostle Paul to his “true child in a common faith,” Titus. Paul writes to remind Titus to stand firm in the truth, speaking and acting only in ways that are “fitting for sound doctrine.” (Titus 2:1, 10b) Paul addresses a variety of issues related to church life, reminding Titus and the believers in Crete that right doctrine must always lead to right conduct (Titus 3:8).

If you are able, read the introduction section for Titus in a good study Bible (MacArthur, ESV).

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Tuesday, August 29

Titus 1

- Why is it important for overseers to not be quick-tempered?

- What does it look like to profess to know God but deny him in deed?
Wednesday, August 30

**Titus 2**

- Older and younger men and women are given instructions in this chapter. What instructions are challenging for you to follow? Stop and pray.

- How are verses 11-14 an encouragement to you today?
Titus 3

- The basis of being able to live a godly life (vs 1-2) is in verse 5: Trusting in what Christ has done to save us, and not on the basis of our own deeds. If you’re a believer, thank Him for the Holy Spirit’s work within you. If you’re still living as a “fool” according to verse 3, today is the day to repent and believe.

- Normally church discipline is more steps than what is described in verses 10-11. Why is it only two warnings for factious men instead of the Matthew 18 process?
The following people have health issues. Pray that through their trial they will bring glory to the Lord and be a blessing as they submit themselves to understand His will. Pray for the Lord’s healing power and their continued sanctification in the circumstance.

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**Emily Brabon**  
**Crystal Dix**  
**Elaine Flory**  
**Sandy Foute**  
**Amy Gomez**  
**Cindy Barrett**  
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**Katherine Jackson**  
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**Brandon Barnett** – Marine Corps  
**Andrew Boudreau** – Navy  
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**Chris Cordes (Hannah Marquez’ brother)** – Army  
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