

1 Thessalonians

Week 4: "When love moves"

You've heard the phrase, "no pain, no gain" correct? If not, you just have. However, what's it mean? It means that in order to achieve something great there is a required effort that often far supersedes comfort! It even suggests that without "pain" then there can not be progress.

Paul, in Chapter 2 explains that they had a "painful" experience in Philippi. They experienced "suffering and shameful treatment". Then while at Thessalonica, they persisted with the gospel message in the midst of "much conflict".

Paul then expresses his heart and motivation in proclaiming the gospel. In just a short time, Paul reminds them of how he "shared" with them his very "self" because he cared deeply for them.

Questions for the Week:

1. What verse or thought did you want to revisit from the message time this week?
2. What have you tried that seemed difficult or painful?
3. Imagine if Paul had given up when things got difficult. What impact would that have had on these Thessalonica disciples?
4. Have you ever known what someone wanted to hear, but knew that what they wanted to hear wasn't "truth"?
5. Paul mentions their deep affection for them? Are there people that you care about deeply that haven't accepted Christ?
6. What is the importance between sharing words and our lives?

Memory Verse:

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (ESV)

⁸ 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.