

FOR CHILDREN:

The next time that you are thirsty and you would like a cup of water, consider this: When it comes to drinking, a glass only works in one direction. Try filling a glass with water at the sink when the glass is turned upside down. It's not going to work, and you'll still be thirsty! Now turn the glass right side up. Now, you can quench your thirst because the glass is facing the right direction!

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10. The Thessalonian Christians realized that they were turned the wrong way. They were facing false idols which led to a life with no true satisfaction. When they heard the Gospel of Jesus, they turned to face the One True God. Now, facing the right way, they found purpose, peace, and joy! Our lives will only make sense when we are turned the right way. Keep yourself turned toward God, and you will find your life is full of blessing!

Weekly Affirmation:

**LET THE WORD OF THE
LORD SOUND FORTH
FROM MY LIFE!**

Weekly Memory Verse:

"You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word during great affliction with the joy of the Holy Spirit,"

1 Thessalonians 1:6

FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Read the first chapter of 1 Thessalonians. There are many good examples set for us by the early Christians in these verses. Consider one of them this week: Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy kept their Thessalonian brothers and sisters "constantly in mind." How might you keep your Christian family in mind this week and into the future? Lift them up in prayer for the spiritual battles they face, and let them know they are not alone! Check in with fellow Christians you haven't seen in a while, and consider reaching out to missionaries supported by the church. Let them know that you are praying for them, or encourage them with God's Word. This is one of many ways that we fulfill our calling to "build one another up" (5:11).

AUGUST 2025 GROWTH GOALS

- ☐ Read 1 & 2 Thessalonians.
- ☐ Watch the Bible Project video on 1 & 2 Thessalonians (available on the website).
- ☐ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- ☐ Listen to or sing a hymn or praise song as part of your daily devotion time each week

FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Read the first chapter of the first letter to the Thessalonians. Paul acknowledges the example set by these Christians in their "work of faith" and "labor of love." Prayerfully consider how this example might work itself out in your Christian walk this week.

For your "work of faith," recognize that God has saved you not for anything you have done, but purely out of His love for you. You can return that love and show your trust in Him by submitting more of your life to Him.

For your "labor of love," recognize that agape love takes effort, time, and commitment. It may not always feel good or be easy, but that is when love is proved to be true! As you take these steps, moving deeper in your relationship with God, you will find "Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will do it" (5:24).