## "The Thessalonian Report Card, Part 2"

Sunday, May 30, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
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1 Thessalonians 3:6-10

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"But now Timothy has come to us from you and brought us good news about [you]." 1 Thessalonians 3:6 (CSB)

- Paul's present confidence. (v6)
  - o Paul's confidence in the Thessalonians' maturing FAITH.
  - Paul's confidence in the Thessalonians' increasing <u>LOVE</u>.
  - Paul's confidence in the Thessalonians' fond REMEMBRANCE.
- Paul's personal consolation. (v7, 8)
  - O Paul finds consolation in what's good for them.
  - O Paul finds consolation in what's good for him.
- Paul's <u>prayerful</u> <u>contemplation</u>. (v9, 10)
  - o Paul's prayers of thanksgiving.
  - o Paul's prayers of supplication.

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THINK: Review the second part of Paul's "report card" on the Thessalonians, then ask yourself these questions: What is a particularly warm childhood memory? What happened and who were the people involved that made it so special? What is it about Timothy's report that encourages Paul? What does this tell about Paul's relational commitment to the Thessalonian believers? What can you learn from Paul's concerns, joys and prayers about being a disciples of new Christians?

DO: In what ways have you been encouraged by a fellow-believer's faith? Have you told them about it?