

HE'S COMING BACK – PART V
“The Care Mission”
1 Thessalonians 3:1-10

There are times when we must extend care to the people that we love. Since Paul was unable to go back to Thessalonica because of the persecution he encountered, so he sent Timothy in his place to care for them and give them some love. Today's teaching will show us how we can provide spiritual care to those who are hurting. Additionally, Paul's anxiety over the Thessalonians turned to pure joy when Timothy reported back to him that they are standing firm in the Lord.

#1. WHAT ARE THE QUALITIES OF A GOOD CARE-GIVER? –

TIMOTHY, 3:1-2

- A. Timothy is our brother & trusted co-worker in the gospel
- B. Timothy possessed caring characteristics: from infants (2:7) to nursing mother (2:8) to a father figure (2:11) to a brother/sister (2:17a) to orphan (2:17b)
- C. Timothy was genuine, unselfish, concerned about their interests, & Christ's, Phil 2:19-24

#2. HOW DO WE PROVIDE SPIRITUAL CARE FOR OUR LOVED ONES WHEN THEY'RE STRUGGLING? – TIMOTHY'S CARE MISSION, 3:3-5

- A. We care by _____ people in their faith, v. 3
- B. We care by _____ people in their faith, v. 3
- C. We care by _____ people through their trials, v. 3
- D. We care by _____ people about persecution, v. 4
- E. We care by helping people _____ Satan – the Tempter, v. 5

#3. PAUL'S OVERWHELMING ANXIETY TURNS INTO OVERWHELMING JOY BECAUSE THE THESSALONIANS ARE DOING WELL, vv. 6-10

- A. Timothy's report – good news about their faith and love is good, v. 6
- B. Timothy's report – they have fond memories of Paul, v. 6
- C. Timothy's report - they want to see you as you want to see them, v. 6
- D. Timothy's report relieves anxiety & brings joy to Paul's heart, vv. 7-10
 - 1. Paul is _____ in his distress & persecution because of their faith, v. 7, Rom 1:12
 - 2. Paul is _____ since they stand firm in the Lord, v. 8
 - 3. Paul is _____ to God for the joy he has over them, v. 9
 - 4. Paul is _____ to God that he will see them again, v. 10

NOTES:

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ANSWERS: Strengthening, Encouraging, Stabilizing, Reminding, Resist, Encouraged, revitalized, grateful, Prayerful.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you provide spiritual care to people who are struggling?
2. Discuss the family language that Paul uses in caring for people. (Point #1) What conclusions can you make about this?
3. In what way(s) can we strengthen and encourage someone's faith during hard times?
4. How can we stabilize (help) new believers through the trials they are facing?
5. Why is it important to remind new believers about the reality of persecution for Christians?
6. For what reason(s) is it important to teach new believers about the works of Satan in the life of a believer?
7. Put yourself in Paul's shoes and describe how he must have felt when Timothy gave him a good report about the Thessalonians.
8. Paul felt revitalized when he heard they were standing firm in the Lord? How does knowing this about a friend help you in your faith?
9. How can we be grateful to God when we hear good news about our friends?
10. Why is it important to pray for your friends?
11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church!

*Love, Acceptance And
Forgiveness!*

*They tell us how you turned to God from idols to
serve the living and true God, and
to wait for his Son from heaven*

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY AUGUST 21st

Pastor Bruce is continuing his series through 1 Thessalonians. Today's message focuses on how to provide spiritual care for people.

CELEBRATION OF CARTER WONDERLY

After today's service, there will be a Nacho/Burrito bar at 12:15, with the celebration to follow.

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Tim Brooks will be bringing an inspiring message in Pastor Bruce's absence. Bruce will be back the following week.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm, Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm
Go to the online meeting room on our website
(hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

FACILITY UPGRADES – THE KITCHEN & UPSTAIRS CHILDREN'S AREA

We will be replacing the kitchen sink, base cabinets, counter tops and apply a fresh coat of paint in the next few weeks. It will look great! Additionally, the upper children's area is being reworked and will also look fantastic.

If you want to contribute money to that effort write "kitchen" in the memo of your check.

SEPTEMBER 2nd ROSEVILLE CITY CHURCH

Hillcrest Church has received an invitation to join Roseville City Church (RCC) for a Barbecue & Movie night (movie is called Amazing Grace, story of William Wilberforce abolishing the slave trade in England). RCC will provide barbecue, salads, chips, condiments, paper plates and utensils. Hillcrest can bring drinks and desserts. RCC is about ½ mile away from Hillcrest.

Friday, Sept. 2nd, 5:30pm (Labor Day weekend)

Roseville City Church

125 Franklin Street

Roseville

If you would like to attend sign up at the offering station so we can let RCC know how much food to prepare.

HALLOWEEN OUTREACH

We are looking ahead to our outreach October 31. If you would like to help in any capacity please sign up at the offering station or talk to Melissa.