



1 THESSALONIANS



GOING DEEPER // WHERE THE REAL POWER LIES - OUR EXAMPLE - 1 THESSALONIANS 1:4-10

What do Paul, Timothy, and Silas mean when they say, “our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.”?

- What kind of power are they talking about?
- How do we know it is of the Holy Spirit?
- What does deep conviction/assurance look like?

What did Paul, Timothy, and Silas Model? What was the outcome of this kind of modeling?

Can you tell a story and name a time where you finally understood what the words of scripture meant because you saw someone finally model it?

Why do you think we have emphasized a Gospel of words and preaching of the words over and above the modeling of Spirit-empowered life?

Why do you think “modeling” is God’s “mode” of transformation in the Church?

HERE ARE SOME VERSES THAT MENTION MODELING

1 Corinthians 11:1

*Be **imitators** of me, as I am of Christ.*

2 Thessalonians 3:7

*For you yourselves know how you ought to **imitate** us, because we were not idle when we were with you.*

2 Thessalonians 3:9

*It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to **imitate**.*

Hebrews 13:7

*Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and **imitate** their faith.*

How well do you feel about inviting a new believer into your home and life and asking them to model their life after yours?

Is discipleship more about teaching with words, or modeling with action?

According to 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10 how are these two things meant to work together? Who all is modeling to whom?

Ultimately who are we to model our lives after? How do we do that if we have never seen it?



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