

STAND FIRM

I have good news. In the midst of persecution and difficulty we are able to endure by placing our hope in Jesus. The church in Thessalonica was in the midst of difficult times. Rome was oppressing and persecuting the church. False teachers had snuck in and were telling lies that frightened the believers. In His letters to the Thessalonians, Paul repeatedly prayed for and encouraged his brothers and sisters in the Lord: don't grow weary, remain steadfast and stand firm. He reminded them that one day all wrongs would be made right with the return of Jesus. The belief that Jesus would come again brought much needed hope for the church. While they waited the church was to stand firm. How do you stand firm when life is hard? Like the Thessalonians we need to cling to the Word of God, trust in his saving grace, and take comfort in God's love for us. He is worth it all!

Proverbs 29-31; 1 Thessalonians 4

Song of Solomon 1-3; Psalm 72; 1 Thessalonians 5

Song of Solomon 4-6; 2 Thessalonians 1

Song of Solomon 7-8; Psalm 127; 2 Thessalonians 2

1 Kings 5; 2 Chronicles 2; 2 Thessalonians 3

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. How do you stand firm in your faith? What scriptures give you strength and comfort? With whom can you share it?
2. Does the coming of the Lord cause you any fear? Why? How is it good news?
3. Why does doing good cause weariness? How can you overcome this?
4. What is something wondrous that you have seen God do? Spend time praising Him.
5. How do you use your gifts and talents to honor the Lord? Is there anything you've been holding back?

When life gets lifey we can get overwhelmed by our struggles and quickly lose heart. Look to the one who has already overcome. With our hope in Jesus we can stand firm. That is good news!

Check out the Bible Project video on 2 Thessalonians [here](#).