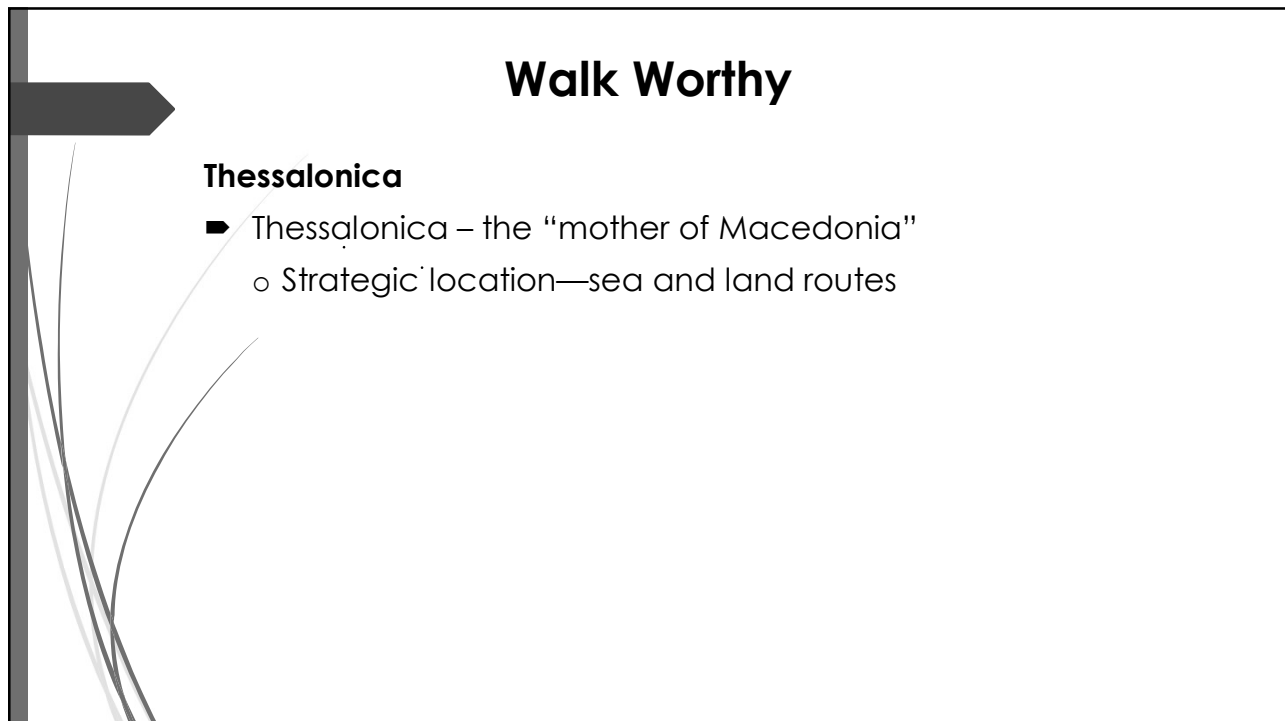
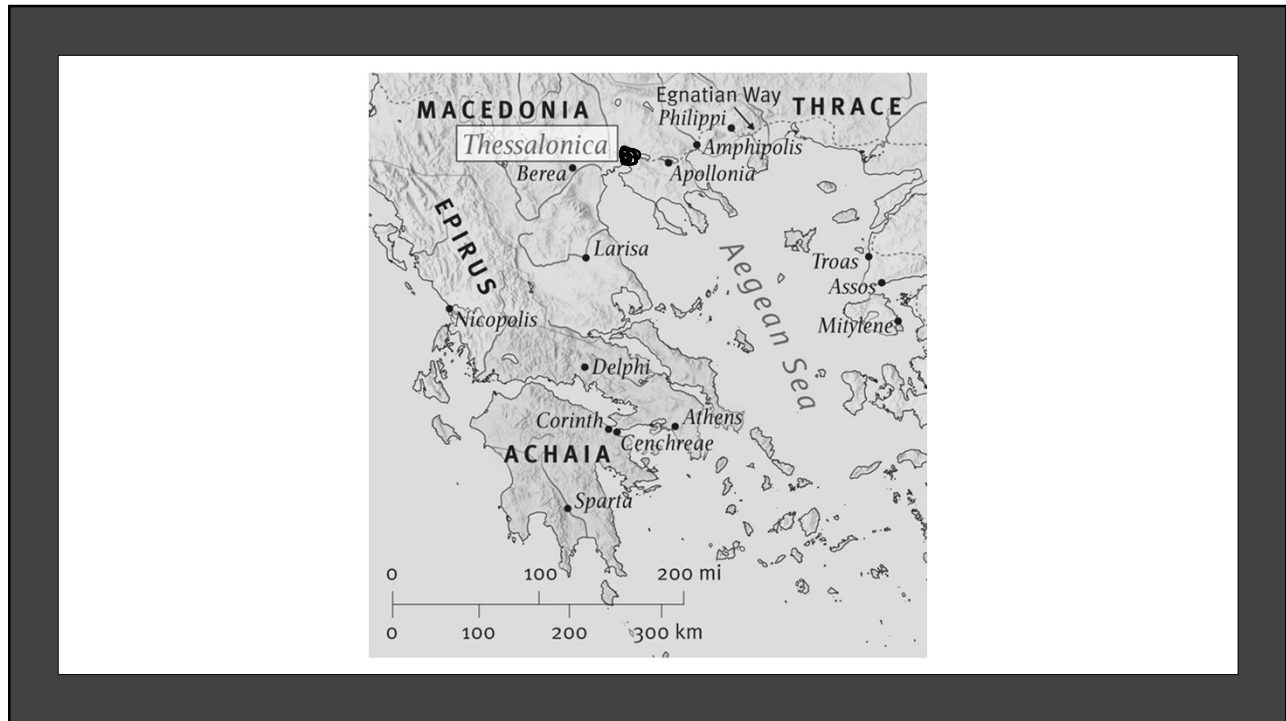


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Walk Worthy

Thessalonica

- Thessalonica – the “mother of Macedonia”
 - Strategic location—sea and land routes
 - Deep religious pluralism
 - Roman favor

Paul in Thessalonica | Acts 17:1-9

- Synagogue proclamation, post-synagogue ministry
- An incited uproar
 - “Disturbance” of the peace
 - Acting against Caesar’s “decrees”

4

Walk Worthy

- ▶ Jason does Paul and Silas a solid
- ▶ Flee to Berea—Ope! Not again!
- ▶ Paul flees to Athens
 - ▶ Out of anxiety for this fledgling church (cf. 2 Cor. 11:28), sends Timothy, who was not implicated in the ruckus, back to Thessalonica (1 Thess. 3:2)
- ▶ Travels to Corinth (arrives in weakness, fear and trembling 1 Cor. 2:3)
 - ▶ Receives Timothy's report during his stay (1 Thess. 3:6) and writes a letter to them—1 Thessalonians (50-51 AD).

5

Walk Worthy

Faith, Love and Hope | 1 Thess. 1:1-3

- ▶ Constant thanks
- ▶ Remembering:
 - *Work* of faith
 - *Labor* of love
 - *Steadfastness* of hope
- Celebrating the Faith of Others**
 - ▶ Gratitude apart from *service*...
 - Challenges us to think Kingdom and mission-mindedly
 - Demands recognition that God is at work
 - Flows from loving people as ends and wanting them to taste the goodness of God
 - Encourages us in *our* hope, faith and love

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