



## “An Encouraging Report”

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

- “Like cold water to a weary soul, is good news from a distant land.” Proverbs 25:25
- Just what the doctor ordered!

1. **Paul had concerns.** (about the Thessalonians)

- They were suffering persecution. 2:14
- He couldn't be with them. 2:17-18
- He was afraid of the devil's work. 3:5
- He couldn't stand it any longer! 3:1, 5

2. **Paul sent Timothy.** (to Thessalonica)

- to find out about their faith. 3:5
- to strengthen and encourage them in their faith. 3:2-4

3. **Paul received an encouraging report.** 3:6-9 (about the Thessalonians)

- Their faith and love are fine.
- They have pleasant thoughts toward Paul.
- They are standing firm in the Lord.

“we were encouraged” / “we really live” / “we can't thank God enough” / “we have joy because of you”

4. **Paul share his prayers and desires.** 3:10-13 (for himself and the Thessalonians.)

- May God clear the way for us to come.
- May the Lord make your love increase and overflow.
- May the Lord strengthen your hearts for the day He comes.

**APPLICATION:** We need encouraging reports: Look for them and give them!