



# Turning, Serving, Waiting

1Thess. 1:4-10

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**The Main Point:** Having received the Gospel with conviction despite hardship, the faith of the Thessalonians became a wide-reaching example to other believers.

**For We Know...**

- ▶ **Loved** by God, **chosen** by God
  - The tell-tale sign: the effective preaching of the Gospel—the powerful work of the Spirit bringing conviction

**Imitators and Proclaimers...**

- ▶ Our lived and proclaimed faith
- ▶ The power of imitation | God --> Paul --> Thessalonians --> Macedonia and Achaia
  - Received the word 1) in affliction 2) with joy
- ▶ The Thessalonian's proclamation ("word of the Lord sounded forth")

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### For *They* Know...

- ▶ The reception
  - ▶ Turning ("work of faith," v.3)
    - ▶ to God (from idols)
  - ▶ Serving ("labor of love," v. 3)
    - ▶ Living and true God
  - ▶ Waiting ("steadfastness of hope," vs. 3)
    - ▶ For the Son from Heaven, raised from the dead
- ▶ Jesus who delivers

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- ▶ The ministry of modeling
- ▶ Waiting well
  - ▶ Living hopefully
  - ▶ Living purposefully
  - ▶ Living faithfully