

*“5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.*

*6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.”*

I John 1:5-6

*“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

John 8:32

#### IV. **SHARE** THE TRUTH (3:1-5)

*“I therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.*

*3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*

I Timothy 2:1-4

*“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

John 14:6

*“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”*

Mark 16:15

#### **NEVER GIVE UP...LOVING TRUTH!!**

*“But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”*

I Timothy 3:15

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##### **Loving Truth**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

- A.** Today we continue a teaching series called Never Give Up, a verse by verse study of I & II Thessalonians.

*“I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren.”*

I Thessalonians 5:27

*“For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.”*

I Thessalonians 3:8

*“Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.”*

II Thessalonians 2:15

- B.** In this series you will learn how to keep hope alive by focusing on the return of Christ and not the reality of circumstances. Every chapter in I and II Thessalonians mentions the return of Christ and how it should motivate us to never give up.

April 20	Keeping Hope Alive
April 27	Growing Church
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May 11	Encouraging Faith
May 18	Maintaining Purity
May 25	Facing Death
June 1	Doing Good
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- C. Text:** II Thessalonians 2:1-3:5 (Pew Bible/Pg.210/  
New Test.)

## NEVER GIVE UP...LOVING TRUTH

*“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”* John 17:17

### I. BELIEVE THE TRUTH (2:1-14)

*“13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.*

*14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.*

*15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”*

II Corinthians 11:13-15

*“1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.*

*2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.*

*3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.”*

II Peter 2:1-3

*“1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:*

*7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*

I Timothy 3:1,7

*“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

II Timothy 2:15 KJV

*“12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.*

*13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,”*

Ephesians 1:13

*“16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,*

*17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

II Timothy 3:16-17

### II. GUARD THE TRUTH (2:15)

*“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.”*

I Corinthians 16:13

*“1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:*

*2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.*

*3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.*

*5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”*

II Timothy 4:1-5

### III. PRACTICE THE TRUTH (2:16-17)

*“Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.”*

I Timothy 4:16