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How to "Speak Life" to Those You Love			Message #1
Series	How to Build a Great Life		
The Power of Encouragement in a Discouraging World A Study of 1 Thessalonians			

When you study a book of the Bible, you want to first ask the basic questions: Who, What, When, Where, and Why?

WHO wrote it and to whom is it written?

*1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
1 Thessalonians 1:1a NKJV*

WHEN?

About _____ AD

WHAT?

This is a church that Paul planted, and though they're thriving, they're facing opposition, persecution, and confusing information about what happens to Christians when they die.

WHERE?

Paul writes this letter from the city of _____ about 18-24 months AFTER planting the church.

WHY?

Paul writes this letter to _____ them and to teach them HOW to encourage one another.

The Text – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The Power of Words Spoken

1. Bestow _____ (v.1)

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (v.1)

- Grace - _____
- Peace - _____

Practical Ways to “Bless” Others:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

2. Express your _____ (vv. 2,3)

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, (vv. 2,3)

Thank people for these 3 things:

1) **“your _____ of faith”**

2) **“your _____ of love”**

3) **“your _____ of hope in our Lord Jesus”**

First things first!

Learn to say, “This is what _____”

3. Verbalize your _____ in their Faith (vv. 4-6)

4 knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. (v.4)

5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, (vv. 5,6)

4. _____ the _____ their life is having
(vv. 7-10)

7 so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. 8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. 9 For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (vv. 7-10)

2 “Under-Estimations” to Consider:

1. We underestimate the power of an _____
2. We underestimate how much those around us need their
_____ reinforced