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How to Rebuild the Broken

Message #2

Series

How to Build a Great Life

The Power of Encouragement in a Discouraging World
A Study of 1 Thessalonians

God's game plan, in a 3-word synopsis, for when your faith is under assault:

_____ , _____ , _____

1 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain. 2 But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict. 3 For our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it in deceit. 4 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men but God who tests our hearts. 5 For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak or covetousness – God is witness. 6 Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. 7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. 8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. 9 For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God. 10 You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; 11 as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, 12 that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. 1 Thes. 2:1-12 NKJV

There is something amazingly powerful about remembering _____

If you belong to Christ, you have a _____
of things God has done in your life – remember them!

The Key:

Remembering what God has done in your life in the past is the key to getting perspective on _____ for the present

Rebuilding the Broken

1. Remember the _____ (vv. 1,2)

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(v.1)

Helping them remember “the Day”

1) Help them remember their _____

2) Help them remember their _____

2. Remember the _____ (vv. 3-6)

3 For our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it in deceit. 4 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. (vv. 3,4)

2 Practical things to remember about the people:

- 1) Help them remember the _____ of godly people who've impacted their lives
- 2) Help them _____ the character of those people to the character of the people who are assaulting their faith

A Life-Lesson for us: The credibility of the _____ is intrinsically linked to the _____ of the messenger

3. Remember the _____ (vv. 7-11)

7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. (v.7)

11 as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, (v.11)

A Life-Lesson for us: _____ is messy, because
_____ is messy, because _____ are messy.
Don't be afraid to get into the _____

4. Remember the _____ of God (v.12)

That you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. (v.12)

Take These Thoughts with You

1. People are _____ more than they show

2. You have _____ than you know