

***Growing Stronger in Christ***

Walking the hard but steady path of spiritual maturity

1 Thessalonians

***How do we pray for people in our church?***

*(1 Thessalonians 1:1-4)*

*Be amazed at the work of the Lord for saving souls and putting them in local churches (v. 1)*

* God sovereignly directs people to proclaim the gospel and disciple them
* God assembles people into local churches with diverse backgrounds & spiritual states

**Acts 17:4**

And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas,

as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

* God grows people in faith despite hardship & opposition

*Give thanks to God for each believer in the church and their growth in faith (v. 2-3)*

*Celebrate signs of people’s salvation (v. 4)*

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