

## **Sermon Outline: “Standing Firm!”**

1 Thessalonians 3.6-13

08/11/20

Visitation

The report

Standing firm / persevering

Response to the report

Paul’s prayer

Incentive to stand firm

### **To ponder over a cuppa with a friend:**

Are there churches that bring back fond memories for you? Why?

Modern communication means we no longer need to meet in person. Discuss.

Who are the Thessalonians being asked to love?

## Study Questions: "Standing Firm!"

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1. What is the good news Timothy has brought?
2. What memories do the Thessalonians have of Paul and the mission team?
3. Are there churches that bring back fond memories for you? Why?
4. While Paul was facing distress and persecution what encouraged him? What would encourage you?
5. What does Paul mean when he writes, "now we can really live"?
6. What reaction does Paul have towards Timothy's report?
7. What does Paul pray for in verses 10-13? Do you think our modern communication methods would satisfy Paul's desire to see them face to face? Why or Why not?
8. Compare Paul's prayer to our own when he prays for people. Are they similar? What differences are there if any?
9. How does Paul intend to supply what is lacking in their faith?
10. How can you increase your love? Who are they being asked to love?
11. Why do our hearts require strengthening?
12. What incentive is there for strengthening our hearts?