

# DAY ONE DEVOTION

**THIS LETTER BEGINS WITH A GREETING FROM PAUL, SILVANUS AND TIMOTHY TO THE CHRISTIANS (CHURCH) IN THESSALONICA. THAT GREEK WORD FOR CHURCH, EKKLĒSIA, LITERALLY MEANS THE “CALLED OUT ONES.” AS GOD’S CHILDREN, WE ARE CALLED BOTH BY AND TO CHRIST – AS HIS AMBASSADORS TO A LOST AND DYING WORLD.**

**IF YOU’RE LIKE ME, SOMETIMES I CAN BE GUILTY OF SKIMMING OVER THE INTRODUCTORY VERSES OF EACH BOOK OF THE BIBLE IN ORDER TO GET TO THE “DEEPER” TRUTHS. HOWEVER, IT’S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BIBLICAL COMMUNITY IN THE LIFE OF A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.**



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**THIS LETTER IS BOTH FROM AND TO GROUPS OF CHRISTIANS DOING LIFE TOGETHER. THAT IS A COMMON THEME FOUND THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE AND ONE THAT WE NEED TO EMBRACE AS WELL.**

**AS WE BEGIN THIS DEVOTIONAL SURVEY THROUGH 1 THESSALONIANS, LET'S START WITH THIS REFLECTION QUESTION: WHO ARE THE PEOPLE YOU ARE PARTNERING WITH TO FULFILL THE CALLING ON YOUR LIFE AS AN AMBASSADOR OF CHRIST? IF SEVERAL NAMES DON'T IMMEDIATELY COME TO MIND, MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO GET CONNECTED IN BIBLICAL COMMUNITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND IF YOU DO HAVE A LIST OF FOLKS, TAKE A MINUTE TO PRAY FOR THEM NOW AND CONSIDER HOW YOU COULD ENCOURAGE THEM TODAY.**



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