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Worship Service
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1 Thessalonians: Holiness & Hope in a Hostile World

Lesson Thirteen • 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Brotherly Love Matters

Until Jesus Comes

Brotherly love MATTERS in the church and in the community.

Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

Problem Concerning Brotherly Love in the Thessalonian Church

Some in the church had quit WORKING and became a burden on others in the church.

They are identified as the "idle" in 1 Thessalonians 5:14, and they needed to be exhorted to love one another by going back to work.

Four Practical Commands Concerning Brotherly Love

1. LOVE One Another More and More (v. 9-10)!

Thessalonian Believers' Brotherly Love

- Paul AFFIRMS their love for one another (v. 9-10).

- Paul URGES them to abound in love for one another (v. 10).

2. LIVE a Quiet Life (v. 11)!

3. MIND Your Own Affairs (v. 11)!

4. WORK with Your Hands (v. 11)!

Impact of Abounding in Brotherly Love

- ❖ PROMOTES one's personal witness: so that you may walk properly before unbelievers in the community (v. 12).

- ❖ PROVIDES for one's personal wellbeing: so that you will not be dependent on believers in the church (v. 12).

Takeaway

Brotherly love really MATTERS in the church and in the community.

So keep increasing and abounding in brotherly love by loving each other genuinely, doing your work diligently, and living your life purposely for the sake of the gospel.