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

Lesson Twenty • 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
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Abiding by God's standing orders of the gospel in corporate WORSHIP promotes corporate peace in the church.

Be at peace among yourselves. 1 Thessalonians 5:13

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Standing Orders of the Gospel in Worship at LifeBridge

1. We Are to REJOICE Always! (v. 16)

Joyful in Attitude

- "Rejoice always" does not mean always feeling UPBEAT and never feeling sadness.
- "Rejoice always" is an attitude of JOY that is established by Jesus and produced by the Spirit.

2. We Are to PRAY Without Ceasing! (v. 17)

Persistent in Prayer

- "Pray without ceasing" does not mean always praying 24/7 on our knees but frequently, persistently, and expectantly praying in a spirit of prayer.
- "Pray without ceasing" highlights our conscious DEPENDENCY on God for everything for which we pray.

3. We Are to GIVE THANKS in All Circumstances! (v. 18)

Grateful in Everything

- The unbeliever is characterized by INGRATITUDE, whereas the believer is characterized by gratitude.
- Giving thanks in all circumstances requires unwavering TRUST in God's providence and wisdom.

What Is God's Will for LifeBridge?

God's will for our church is that we are a people who are always JOYFUL, constantly PRAYERFUL, and habitually THANKFUL.

...for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 5:23*