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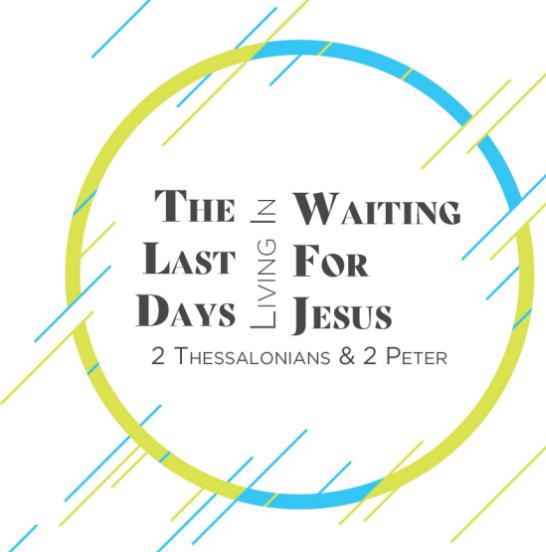
1. Have you heard any specific predictions about a date for Christ's return? Based on the warning in Deuteronomy 18:20-22, how are we to regard those who claim to speak in the name of the Lord, but their predictions do not come true, or their statements are contrary to God's Word?

2. What biblical principles about work and providing for others do you see in 2nd Thessalonians 3:7-10 and 1st Timothy 5:8? Are there ways that you can better follow these principles?

3. What do we know about God's design for work from 1st Thessalonians 4:11-12 and from Genesis 2:15 (especially the placement of work in the order of creation and fall)?

4. 2nd Thessalonians begins with instruction to "brothers." Why does God's Word often involve a community of believers – the local church – in instances of unreconciled sin or sin that is public?

5. Read the instructions for dealing with the unruly ones (3:6, 14-15). Presumably, this is prior to a final declaration of the church, like we see in Matthew 18:17. So, at this stage, what is the balance that the local church is urged to keep?

6. The Thessalonians were enduring persecution. They had been hit by counterfeit teaching. They also had professing brethren who were walking in a disorderly way. And yet, what did Paul urge them toward in v. 13? How does that verse apply to you?

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THE *IN* WAITING
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2 THESSALONIANS & 2 PETER

Now What? (Pt 2)
2 Thessalonians 3:6-17
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2nd Thessalonians ends with a stern rebuke from Paul against those who had ceased working while they waited for the return of Jesus. The instruction of what NOT to do in the last days shows us the sin that was happening, and it shows us the response called for by the community of believers.

1. **The Command (3:7-10; cf. 1 Tim 5:8)**

2. The Breaking of the Command (3:6, 11-12)

3. The Church's Response (3:6, 14-15)

"Brothers"

The engagement of the community helps to provide:

Protection

Wisdom

Testimony