A Life Pleasing to God
1 Thessalonians: The Church on the Move
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
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Main Idea: We are called to live lives that are pleasing to God which includes our sanctification and love for one another.

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II: Lives that are pleasing to God continue in sanctification.
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III: Lives that are pleasing to God are marked by love for one another.

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Homework: Colossians 1:15-23 (Read, Reflect, Respond in Prayer, Rest)