

May 31, 2017
Encouragement During Trials
1 Thess. 3:6-13
David Self

- I. Encouragement by Relationship *“But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love; and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also to see you”* (6)

- II. Encouragement by the Example of Others *“Therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution, we were encouraged about you through your faith.”* (7, 9)

- III. Encouragement by Perseverance *“For now we live, if you stand firm in the Lord.”* (8)
“stand fast” or “stand firm” is a favorite expression in Paul’s epistles (I Cor. 15:58, 16:13; II Cor. 1:21, 24; Gal. 5:1; Eph. 6:14; Phil. 1:27, 4:1; Col. 4:12; 2 Thess. 2:13, 15).

- IV. Encouragement through Prayer *“as we pray very earnestly night and day to see you face to face and to complete what is lacking in your faith?”*¹¹ *Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you.*¹² *And may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow with love for one another and for everyone, just as we also do for you.*¹³ *May He make your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. Amen.”* (10-13)
 - A. Completion *“complete what is lacking”* (10)

 - B. Affection *“overflow with love for one another”* (12)

 - C. Sanctification *“May He make your hearts blameless in holiness”* (13a)

 - D. Anticipation *“at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. Amen.”* (13b)

You can follow David on Twitter @DavidJSelf or visit our **website** if you miss a lesson or for more information at: <http://houstonfirst.org/the-loop/media/classes-archives/highpoint-archive>. You may also sign up for our weekly email list there.

Upcoming High Point Speakers:
David Self – 5/31; 6/7, 6/21, 6/28

Guest Speakers:
Lee Hsia – 6/14
John Bolin – 7/19 & 8/23

Highpoint Holidays
In Nov & Dec