#### Strengthen my faith when life \_\_\_\_\_\_.

And now, dear <u>brothers and sisters</u>, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

I Thessalonians 4:13-14 (NLT)

# Develop godly \_\_\_\_\_ and abandon unproductive habits.

<u>Brothers and sisters</u>, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people. <sup>16</sup> Always be joyful. <sup>17</sup> Never stop praying. <sup>18</sup> Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

I Thessalonians 5:14-18 (NLT)

### \_\_\_\_\_ on to what is good and true.

...Hold on to what is good. <sup>22</sup> Stay away from every kind of evil. <sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. <sup>24</sup> God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful. <sup>25</sup> Dear <u>brothers and sisters</u>, pray for us.

I Thessalonians 5:21b-24 (NLT)

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We are writing to the church in Thessalonica, to you who belong to God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 
<sup>3</sup>Dear brothers and sisters, we can't help but thank God for you, because your faith is flourishing and your love for one another is growing. II Thessalonians 1:1b, 3 (NLT)

# The church is the place to inspire faith, because it is...

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Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe.

I Thessalonians 2:13 (NLT)

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17 (NASB)

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We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too. <sup>10</sup> You yourselves are our witnesses—and so is God—that we were devout and honest and faultless toward all of you believers. <sup>11</sup> And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. I Thessalonians 2:8, 10-11 (NLT)

You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup> And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

I Thessalonians 1:6-7 (NIV)

Put into \_\_\_\_\_ what I am \_\_\_\_\_

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more.

I Thessalonians 4:1 (NLT)

So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. <sup>25</sup> But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

James 1:21-25 (NLT)

### A place of \_\_\_\_\_

And we sent Timothy to visit you. He is our brother and God's co-worker in proclaiming the Good News of Christ. We sent him to strengthen you, to encourage you in your faith, <sup>3</sup> and to keep you from being shaken by the troubles you were going through.

I Thessalonians 3:2, 3 (NLT)

But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children. <sup>8</sup> Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us. <sup>11</sup> just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, <sup>12</sup> so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

I Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11-12 (NASB)

And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. I Thessalonians 5:14 (NIV)

When it comes to my salvation, all I need is Jesus; after my salvation, everything if Jesus plus the church...When people preach that all you need is Jesus, they cut you and I off from one of the greatest sources of healing, which is the body of Christ. Don't go it alone – you won't make it. (Josh McDowell)

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Finally, dear <u>brothers and sisters</u>, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more. <sup>2</sup> For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. <sup>7</sup>God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

I Thessalonians 4:7-8 (NLT)