

Heart Work

Scripture: **2 Thessalonians 2:16–17**

Series: **Future Grace for Godliness**

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Overview

The hard work we are called to do requires the heart work of God in us. Paul prays for the church of Thessalonica that, in their difficult season, they would be comforted by God's grace in Jesus Christ while they continue to grow in faith and obedience.

Corroborating Texts

Romans 5:8, Romans 8:38-39, Ephesians 3:14-19, Matthew 11:28

Discussion Questions

1. In this sermon, prayer is defined in a way as a cry for mercy. How should this shape the way you pray?
2. Can you describe a time in your life where you realized that you needed help and God was the only one that could help you?
3. Scripture is clear that life is hard for everyone (although in different degrees and at different times). How does this perspective challenge your own expectations of life?
4. Instead of believing that bad things “just happen” to us, we are encouraged to see that we are called to a hard life. How can realizing God's calling on your life impact how you respond in hard times?
5. How does Christ's love bring you comfort in hard times?
6. How do you comfort others in hard times?
7. Paul prays for hearts to be changed instead of circumstances to be changed. How is God working on your heart through your current circumstances?