

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

ICE BREAKER: There was once a young child who desperately wanted to reach some candy on the top shelf in the cabinet. It was just out of her reach. Later that day, a friend had come over to her house to play and she asked her to help her, to give her a little boost to get the candy. The friend gave her the boost and this young girl was so happy to get what she wanted but also thankful for her friend! Describe a time when you have gotten "a boost" from a friend.

DISCUSSION

1. Many times, when we allow others to encourage us, we encourage them too. Verse 7 says that Timothy and Paul "were comforted concerning you by your faith." When you give others a boost, is it comforting to you? Describe how it made you feel.

2. Paul was not only comforted but he also gave thanks. What are other ways of offering thanks to God?

3. Prayer is one way of giving thanks to God. How would praying over God's Word change your perspective on any given circumstances?

4. Paul understood that genuine spiritual growth would include a growing love among believers for one another and for *all* (3:12). What is some evidence in your own life of a growing love for other followers of Jesus and unbelievers?

• What practical ideas emerge from this passage that can help you become even better at expressing love and committed friendship within your church or group?

BOTTOM LINE : You need to *boost* your faith every day

NEXT STEP

Pastor Jesse mentioned in the sermon 3 practical ways how you can take your next step when it comes to living out your faith everyday. Take a look at the links below

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