

1 Thessalonians 3 - “Joy for your sakes”

Outline

v1-2

They were even willing to be without Timothy for a while, to send him to the Thessalonians

v3-4

We are appointed to suffer tribulation, and we should not let it get to us

v5

If we allow the tempter to tempt us, then past labor can become in vain

v6-8

Our distress is worth it, if we can lead others to walk in faith

v9-11

Our joy, desire, and prayer, should be to go out to others and help them in their faith

v12-13

Increasing and abounding in love can help establish our hearts unblameable in holiness

Key v9

“For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;”

We should look at reaching out to people, in Christ, as a great joy, not as a chore. We should greatly look forward to going out to people and helping them with their spiritual condition.

Application v10

“Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?”

I'll pick a couple of people that I'm going out to, to pray for their spiritual condition all the time.