

To Seek & To Save In Faith - Part 2

(II Thessalonians 1:1-4)

Hebrews 11:1, "Faith is the *SUBSTANCE* of things hoped for the *EVIDENCE* of things not seen."

"Faith is the daring of the soul, to go farther than it can see!"

"Faith will not make the sun rise sooner, but it will make the night seem shorter!"

"You will never learn faith in comfortable surroundings." - A. B. Simpson

I. THEY HAD FAITH TO SERVE (II THESSALONIANS 1:3)

A. THEIR FAITH GREW

B. THEIR CHARITY ABOUNDED

James 2:17, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

James 2:18, "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works."

"Don't let what you can't do interfere with what you can do!" - unknown

II. THEY HAD FAITH TO SACRIFICE (I THESSALONIANS 1:7-8)

II Corinthians 8:1-5, "¹ Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; ² How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. ³ For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; ⁴ Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. ⁵ And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."

Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

III. THEY HAD FAITH TO STAY (I THESSALONIANS 1:4-5)

I Corinthians 16:7-9, "⁷ For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit. ⁸ But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost. ⁹ For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

"We reveal our faith in God by our faithfulness in life."

IV. THEY HAD FAITH TO STAND (I THESSALONIANS 2:15)

Ephesians 6:13, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Philippians 4:1, "Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved."

II Corinthians 1:24, "Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand."
