



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, May 17, 2020 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

“Directing Our Hearts to the Love of God and the Steadfastness of Christ”

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

1. The Power of Prayer in the Advance of the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 3:1)
2. The Power of Prayer in Deliverance from the Wicked (2 Thessalonians 3:2-3)

3. The Power of Prayer in Focusing our Attention Rightly (2 Thessalonians 3:4-5)

Table Talk

- 1) How have you seen the power of prayer in the salvation of others? For whom are you actively praying right now for their salvation? How does Paul tie together prayer with the advancement of the Word of God? (v. 1)
- 2) How have you seen the power of prayer in being delivered from wicked people? For what “wicked” persons are you praying to be delivered from? Why is prayer a better plan for coping with wicked people than any other plan? (v. 2)
- 3) What does it mean that God will “establish you and guard you against the evil one?” (v. 3) Does this mean that we escape the devil’s wicked works entirely? What is the connection between wicked people (v. 2) and the evil one (v. 3)? Are there people who are tools of the evil one without knowing it? How does that shape our prayers for them?
- 4) How might hearing from Paul that he has confidence in you bring you comfort in affliction? (v. 4) Who are you expressing such confidence to? Who is expressing such confidence to you?
- 5) Where should our hearts be directed in this COVID-19 crisis? (v. 5) How does a contemplation of the love of God bring comfort in affliction? How does a contemplation of the steadfastness of Christ bring comfort in affliction?