




Today

"Praying for Greater Love"

I Thessalonians 3:11-13

Series... Praying Through the Summer with The Apostle Paul



May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

I Thessalonians 3:12–13

Background - Timothy's Report Card

A Good Report of Faith and Love

Faith is not a deposit that sits within the heart and never changes; it is like the grain of a mustard seed that looks small, but contains life and is able to grow.

I Thessalonians 3:6-10



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LOVE was constant—in spite of the trials which could have frayed the edges of their dispositions. Real love stands the test of trials and hardships. Affection for others is good evidence of the life of God.

The Prayer - For Greater Love

- ✓ **Abounding in Love**
 - Increase to overflowing
 - I Thessalonians 1:3
 - John 13:34, 35
- ✓ **An Established Heart**

May He Strengthen Your Hearts...

Suffering of body and sorrow of heart do one of two things to a man. They either make him collapse or they leave him with a solidity of character which he could never have gained anywhere else. If he meets them with continuing trust in Christ, he emerges like toughened steel that has been tempered in the fire.

William Barclay

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- ✓ **Abounding in Love**
- ✓ **An Established Heart (so that...)**
 - Blameless
 - Holy