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FORWARD

— TO THE RETURN OF CHRIST —

# Looking Forward:

**1. We live life looking forward to the second coming of Jesus.**



**Looking Forward:**

**2. We are not to fear, but to trust  
God.**



**Looking Forward:**

**3. We are to prepare ourselves.**



**Looking Forward:**

**4. We are to continue Jesus' mission.**

## 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (ESV)

**We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.**

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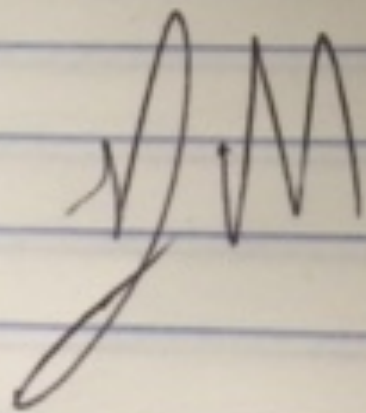
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## 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 (ESV)


**And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.**



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**The pastors are the equippers and the members are the ministers.**



## Ephesians 4:11-12 (ESV)

**And he gave the apostles, the prophets,  
the evangelists, the shepherds and  
teachers, to equip the saints for the work  
of ministry, for building up the body of  
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# 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances; for this  
is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**



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3. Rejoice, pray, and give thanks all  
the time.

# 1 Thessalonians 4:3 (ESV)

**For this is the will of God, your  
sanctification: that you abstain from  
sexual immorality;**



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# 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 (ESV)

**Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.**

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# 1 Corinthians 14:3 (NLT)

**But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them.**

# 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 (ESV)

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hold fast what is good. Abstain from  
every form of evil.

## Acts 17:10-11 (ESV)

**The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.**

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## 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28 (ESV)

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. Brothers, pray for us.

**Brothers, pray for us.**

**Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.  
I put you under oath before the Lord to  
have this letter read to all the brothers.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be  
with you.**

# Final Instructions to the Church Family:

5. Keep running the race.



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