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Resolutions and Refocusing



Three Essentials to Sustain Us in Following Christ

- (1) Faith in God
- (2) Love of the Body of Christ
- (3) Hope in the Return of Christ



Key Question

How do we stay steadfast in faith, love, and hope so that we continue to walk with Christ?



Staying Steadfast in Faith, Love, and Hope

1 Thessalonians 5:14-18



Pew Bible: 988

The Thessalonian Situation

Difficult...



Acts 17:1-14

Pew Bible: 926



Basic Reality

Difficulties and discomfort
can drive us from devotion.



The Thessalonian Situation

Difficult and flourishing



Relational Context

Deep love and concern



1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Pew Bible: 988



Seventeen (17) Commands



Area #1

Relating to One Another
1 Thes 5:14-15



Relating to One Another

1. Admonish the idle
2. Encourage the fainthearted
3. Help the weak
4. Be patient with them all
5. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil
6. Always seek to do good to one another and to everyone



Key Point

Our relationships must be driven by God's relationship to us.



Area #2

Responding to Our Circumstances

1 Thes 5:16-18



Responding to Our Circumstances

1. Rejoice always
2. Pray without ceasing
3. Give thanks in all circumstances



Key Point

Our response must be
governed by God's sovereignty
over all things.



Summary Application

To sustain steadfast faith, love, and hope we must relate and respond according to God's directives.

