

Waiting for His Son
Part Three: Established
1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13
September 17, 2023

1. Paul and his team took pride in the Thessalonian believers (2:17-20)
2. They were concerned about these believers because of the afflictions they faced (3:1-5)
 - Every believer will face suffering (Philippians 1:29; 2 Timothy 2:3; John 16:33)
 - It provides an opportunity for Satan to defeat a believer.
3. Their faithfulness despite affliction encouraged Paul and his team in their affliction (3:6-8)
 - It made them feel truly alive.
 - It made them want to invest in these believers' faith.
4. Paul and his team prayed that they would be ready for Jesus' return (3:9-13)
How could they be ready? by growing in biblical love for others so that the Lord could establish holiness within them.