

The Heart of a Missionary Toward a *Thriving Church*

1 & 2 Thessalonians



Thessalonica: a thriving church

What is a thriving
church?



4th Century Church in Thessaloniki, Greece

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The Thriving Thessalonian Church

1 Thess. 1:1-3

- **A new and growing church plant**



The *Thriving* Thessalonian Church

1 Thessalonians 1:4-7

Also 2:13-16; 2
Thessalonians 1:1-4

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1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

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The *Thriving* Thessalonian Church

1 Thessalonians 2:19

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- **Brought the apostles much joy.**



01

A church without problems, even serious sin issues: Sexual immorality (4:1-8); Lazy Christians (4:9-12; 5:14; 2 Thess. 3:6-12).

02

03

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A Thriving Church: What it is **NOT**



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Boldness



Paul's Disciple-Making Heart When with Them

Integrity



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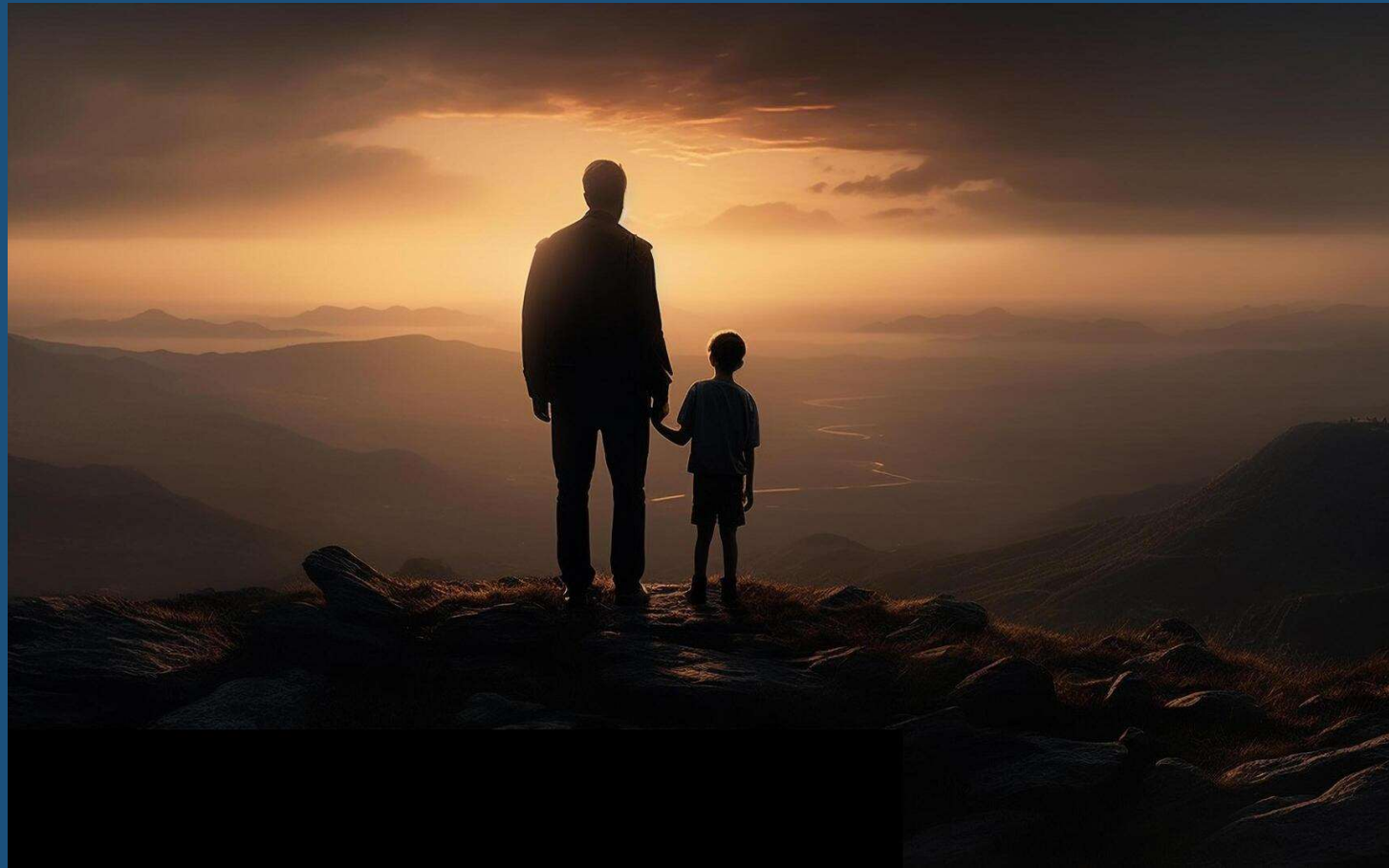
Sacrificial Love



Paul's Disciple-Making Heart When with Them



Exemplary Lifestyle

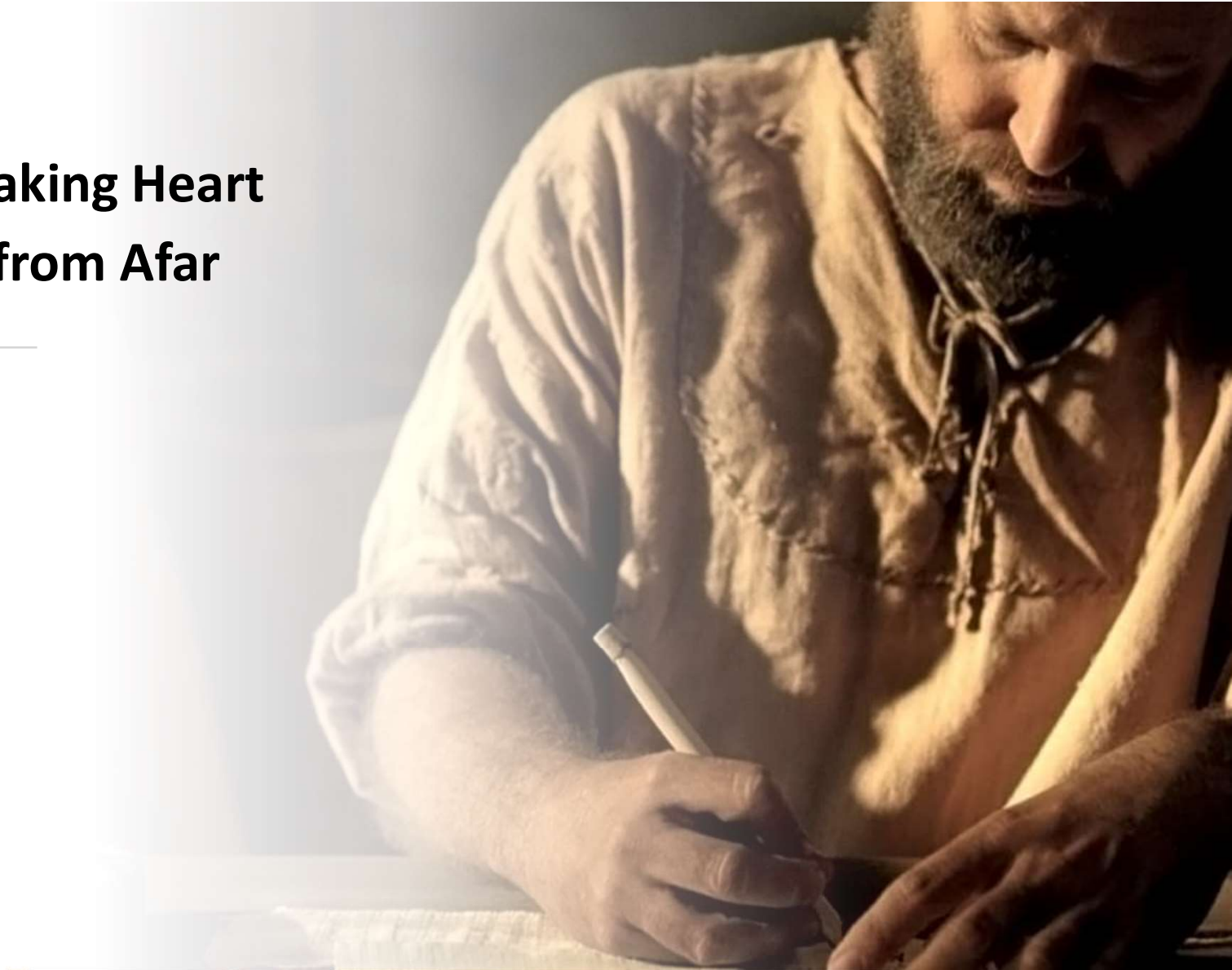


Paul's Disciple-Making Heart When with Them



Paul's Disciple-Making Heart Towards Them from Afar

- Concern
- Co-laboring
- Joy
- Prayer
- Desire to Serve
- Confidence





*The Heart of a Missionary Toward a Thriving Church
from Thessalonians:*

*To be imitators of Jesus Christ ourselves so that we can guide
God's people to do the same through our own
example and teaching.*

