

## **Our Togetherness: God's Desire, Our Calling** **1 Thessalonians 2:17-20**

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### A. The Desire for Togetherness

1. Paul: 1 Thess. 2:17
2. Thessalonians: 1 Thess. 3:6
3. God: Jer. 31:33-34, Revelation 21:1-5
4. David: Psalm 63:1-3, Psalm 122:1

### **TODAY**

### B. The Motive for Togetherness

#### 1. Love

1 Cor. 13:13

#### a. The Presence of Love: The Thessalonians

- Presence of personal sacrifice  
1 Thess. 1:3, Gal. 5:6
- Presence of desire for togetherness with God's people  
1 Thess. 3:6, John 17:24
- Presence of progressive practice  
1 Thess. 4:9-10, 2 Thess. 1:3
- Presence of watchfulness of the heart against spiritual slumber (apathy)  
1 Thess. 5:8, 1 Thess. 4:17-18

#### b. The Process of Love: Its Development

- God's love personally experienced: Transformation  
Rom. 5:15, 1 Thess. 1:4, 2 Thess. 3:5, Eph. 3:14-19
- God's love controlling us: Submission  
1 Thess. 4:9-10, 2 Cor. 5:14-15
- God's love flowing from us: Obedience  
1 Thess. 4:1, John 13:34-35, John 14:15, John 14:21,  
John 14:23-24, John 15:10, John 15:12