



“God’s Work”

We’re Included
II Thessalonians 3:1-5

God’s work involves:

I. Power – “have free course” (v. 1)

Through the:

- A. Warriors** – “pray for us”
- B. Word** – “that the Word of the Lord...have free course”
- C. Worship** - “that the Word of the Lord...be glorified”

II. Problems - “that we may be delivered” (vs. 2-3)

Through those who are:

- A. Harmful** – “from unreasonable and wicked men”
- B. Hypocritical** - “for all men have not faith”
- C. Hellish** - “the Lord is faithful...and keep you from evil”

III. Perspective - “the Lord direct your hearts” (vs. 4-5)

Through a commitment to:

- A. Confidence** – “both do and will do...things we command”
- B. Compassion** - “direct your hearts into the love of God”
- C. Constancy** – “into the patient waiting for Christ”

Sentence Sermon:

“God is at work directing His people through His love to spread His word.”

Additional Verses

- *Galatians 6:9-10*
- *I Corinthians 3:9*
- *John 4:23-24*
- *II Timothy 2:3-4*
- *II Thessalonians 3:6, 10, 12*
- *John 10:10*
- *II Timothy 4:8*
- *I John 2:28*
- *Hebrews 4:12*
- *Psalms 147:15*
- *Acts 13:48-49*
- *Hebrews 11:3*
- *Romans 10:17*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. What does Paul hope to gain by their prayers?
4. How would you explain Paul's concept of ministry in these verses?
5. Why do people get in the way and hurt God's work?
6. Why do some people keep on ministering even though it is hard?
7. Who first took a chance on you and asked you to minister?
8. What are the things Paul had commanded them to do? (I Thes. 5)
9. How important is the Love of God? Why? When?
10. What are ways you have found to “patiently wait” for Christ?