I Thessalonians
Part Twenty Seven: “An Opportunity for All Believers”

I Thessalonians 3:7-8
Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:
For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

Paul’s Relief – verse 7
1. The Reality of Christian Work – the work of the ministry is filled with pressure and desperate need.

2. The Need of God’s Servants – every servant of God is in need of encouragement as he/she faces these challenges.

3. An Opportunity for God’s People – Nothing encourages the hearts of God’s servants more than to see real faith demonstrated in the lives of those to whom they minister.

The People’s Role – verse 8
1. The Christian ministry carries a unique measurement of success—the eternal souls of people.

2. My perseverance gives life to other believers.

3. Faith is standing fast in the Lord.

4. I stand fast in the Lord by being steadfast:
   a. In doctrine
   b. In holiness
   c. In sacrifice
   d. In service