



I THESSALONIANS

Part Eight

I Thessalonians 2:1-2

*For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:
But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi,
we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.*

OUTLINE OF I THESSALONIANS 2 – “II. Paul Remembers Their Beginnings”

- A. Paul’s Faithfulness. 1-12.
 - B. The People’s Faith. 13-16.
 - C. Paul’s Focus. 17-20.
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A. Paul’s Faithfulness. 1-12.

1. Paul’s Boldness. 1-2.

a. Evidenced by his entrance.

- 1) Not hidden. *For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you*
- 2) Not wasted. *that it was not in vain*

b. Evidenced by his resilience.

- 1) After physical suffering at Philippi. *even after that we had suffered before*
- 2) After humiliating injustice by the government. *and were shamefully entreated*

c. Evidenced by his preaching.

- 1) It was Spirit-filled. *we were bold in our God*
- 2) It was simple and straightforward. *to speak unto you the gospel of God*
- 3) It was in spite of opposition. *with much contention*

GREAT TRUTHS

- 1. Reminding people of your track record is appropriate when it helps to edify others.
- 2. Perseverance in the face of adversity gives you credibility with your hearers.
- 3. Boldness is a manifestation of being filled with the Holy Spirit.