I THESSALONIANS
Part Nineteen: “Letting People Know That They Are Important To Us”

I Thessalonians 2:17
But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.

Paul Communicates His Emotions For The People

1) He addresses them as “brethren.” But we, brethren

2) He tells them that it was not his plan to be away from them.
   being taken from you for a short time

3) He tells them that they are always in his heart. in presence, not in heart

4) He tells them how hard he has tried to come see them.
   endeavoured the more abundantly

5) He tells them that it would encourage him to see their faces. to see your face

6) He tells them that he has a great desire to see them. with great desire

How Paul Communicated This

He addresses them as brethren: 1) Collectively.
   2) The men directly.
   3) Everyone equally.
   4) Intimately.

Preparation for Prayer

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.