

**HOW TO HELP BELIEVERS BECOME FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH  
EVEN IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS AND PERSECUTION**  
(1 Thessalonians 3:1-5)

- A. Paul's INTRODUCTION and PERSONAL GREETING (1:1)**
- B. GIVING THANKS for the Birth of a Model Church (1:2-10)**
- C. GUIDING MODEL of Faithful Follow-Up to a Young Church (2:1-12)**
- D. REMEMBERING Your Divine Resources during Suffering and Persecution (2:13-20)**

\* *What was the emphasis of chapters one and two?*

\* *What is the keyword of chapter 3, according to verses 2 and 13?*

**E. HELPING BELIEVERS Become Firmly Established, Part 1 (3:1-5) involves:**

**1. Being the RIGHT PERSON to help believers become firmly established which includes...**

**a. having a genuine \_\_\_\_\_ for their faith.** (v. 1) *"Therefore, when we could no longer endure it,"*

1. *What is the proper perspective of emotion/feelings?*

2. *What are some other things to note about Paul's concern?*

**b. being willing to \_\_\_\_\_ personal needs in order to benefit believers' needs.** (vv. 1-2a)  
*"we thought it good to be left in Athens alone, 2 and sent Timothy,"*

\* *Why did Paul send Timothy?*

c. being a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ of God, a \_\_\_\_\_ laborer/worker in the Gospel of Christ. (v 2b) *“our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ,”*

\* *What is important to note about the description of Timothy?*

2. Having the \_\_\_\_\_ which are to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ believers concerning their faith. (v. 2c) *“to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith,”*

\* *How is this done?*

\* *What ultimately establishes believers?*

3. Helping believers have the \_\_\_\_\_ about their \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 3-5)  
*“that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this. <sup>4</sup> For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know. <sup>5</sup> For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain.”*

\* *What are some things to note about trials and ministry?*

**How does this apply to me?**