

Welcome to First & Faith United Methodist Church
Sermon Notes - April 25, 2021
2 Thessalonians 3 - “Get It Into Gear”

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¹ Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord’s message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you. ² Pray, too, that we will be rescued from wicked and evil people, for not everyone is a believer. ³ But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. ⁴ And we are confident in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we commanded you. ⁵ May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ. ⁶ And now, dear brothers and sisters, we give you this command in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Stay away from all believers who live idle lives and don’t follow the tradition they received from us. ⁷ For you know that you ought to imitate us. We were not idle when we were with you. ⁸ We never accepted food from anyone without paying for it. We worked hard day and night so we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We certainly had the right to ask you to feed us, but we wanted to give you an example to follow. ¹⁰ Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: “Those unwilling to work will not get to eat.” ¹¹ Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people’s business. ¹² We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living.

¹³ As for the rest of you, dear brothers and sisters, never get tired of doing good. ¹⁴ Take note of those who refuse to obey what we say in this letter. Stay away from them so they will be ashamed. ¹⁵ Don’t think of them as enemies but warn them as you would a brother or sister. ¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all. ¹⁷ Here is my greeting in my own handwriting, Paul. I do this in all my letters to prove they are from me. ¹⁸ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Life Application:

- 1) When you think of a hard worker, who do you think of?
- 2) What are some examples you can emulate from that person?
- 3) What work can you do this week that shows your love for God and your love for other?

Prayer:

Gracious and loving God, thank you for the Word of truth, the encouragement and instructions that enable us to live godly lives as we work to advance your kingdom. Help us to not grow weary of doing good and empower us by Your Spirit to walk in truth, as we live out your purpose for our lives. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.