

1 Thes 3:1-5

- I. We sent Timothy to help you stand up against troubles (1-4)
 - A. We sent Timothy to answer our anxiety (1-2a)
 - 1. Because we could no longer bear it (1a)
 - 2. Result: We sent Timothy and were left alone in Athens (1b-2a)
 - a We thought it good to remain behind in Athens alone (1b)
 - b And we sent Timothy – our brother and God’s fellow worker in the Gospel of Christ (2a)
 - B. Purpose: To help you bear up under troubles (2b-4)
 - 1. To reinforce you against the pressure of your troubles (2b-3a)
 - a To strengthen and encourage you (2b-c)
 - 1) To strengthen you (2b)
 - 2) And to encourage [you] concerning your faith (2c)
 - b Purpose: So that no one would be shaken by these troubles (3a)
 - 2. Reason: You know that troubles are a part of the Christian life (3b-4)
 - a For we were destined for this (3b-c)
 - 1) For you yourselves know: (3b)
 - 2) That we were destined for this (3c)
 - b And we predicted that we would experience troubles (4)
 - 1) We predicted this when we were with you (4a-b)
 - a) When we were with you (4a)
 - b) We told you ahead of time (4b)
 - 2) That we would experience affliction/persecution/tribulation (4c-e)
 - a) That we are about to be afflicted/troubled (4c)
 - b) Just as you know it actually happened (4d-e)
 - (1) Just as it happened (4d)
 - (2) And you know (4e)
 - II. I also sent to find out about your faith (5)
 - A. I also sent to you (5a-b)
 - 1. Because of this, I could no longer bear it (5a)
 - 2. Result: I also sent (5b)
 - B. Purpose: To find out if you are standing firm in faith (5c-e)
 - 1. In order to know your faith (5c)
 - 2. Specifically: that you did not give into temptation (5d-e)
 - a The tempter did not somehow tempt you (5d)
 - b And our labor would turn out to be in vain (5e)