

1 Thes. 3:1-5

¹. Because we could no longer bear it, we thought it good to remain behind in Athens alone, ². and we sent Timothy – our brother and God’s fellow worker in the Gospel of Christ – to strengthen you, and to encourage [you] concerning your faith, ³. So that no one would be shaken by these troubles. For you yourselves know that we were destined for this. ⁴. When we were with you, we told you ahead of time that we are about to be afflicted. Just as it happened, and [as] you know. ⁵. Because I could no longer bear it, and so I also sent in order to know your faith – that the tempter did not somehow tempt you and our labor would turn out to be in vain.