

Bobby Blakey ~ October 31 & November 1, 2026 ~ Church Is A Family #1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

#1. _____

#2. _____

#3. _____

#4. _____

1 For you yourselves know,
brothers, that our coming to you
was not in vain.
2 But though we had already
suffered and been shamefully
treated at Philippi, as you know,
we had boldness in our God to
declare to you the gospel of God
in the midst of much conflict.
3 For our appeal does not spring
from error or impurity or any
attempt to deceive,
4 but just as we have been
approved by God to be entrusted
with the gospel, so we speak, not
to please man, but to please God
who tests our hearts.
5 For we never came with words
of flattery, as you know, nor
with a pretext for greed—God is
witness.
6 Nor did we seek glory from
people, whether from you or from
others, though we could have
made demands as apostles of
Christ.
7 But we were gentle among you,
like a nursing mother taking care
of her own children.
8 So, being affectionately
desirous of you, we were ready
to share with you not only the
gospel of God but also our own
selves, because you had become
very dear to us.

9 For you remember, brothers,
our labor and toil: we worked
night and day, that we might not
be a burden to any of you, while
we proclaimed to you the gospel
of God.
10 You are witnesses, and God
also, how holy and righteous
and blameless was our conduct
toward you believers.
11 For you know how, like a father
with his children,
12 we exhorted each one of you
and encouraged you and charged
you to walk in a manner worthy
of God, who calls you into his
own kingdom and glory. ESV

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

THANK YOU for coming to #1 of our CHURCH IS A FAMILY series! There will be 5 sermons from 1st Thessalonians and 5 Fellowship Groups to discuss! Try not to miss one!

Get The Context Challenge: Read 1st Thessalonians! (Yes, all 5 chapters!) See you if you can find all 19 uses of the word "brothers" or "brother."

#1. What stood out to you from **1st Thessalonians 2:1-12**?

#2. **Read Acts 17:1-10**. What stood out to you from the background of the Thessalonian church?

How does this compare to what we are studying in Paul's writing of 1st Thessalonians?

#3. What does it look like to care for other people at church like they are "yours," rather than someone else's problem?

#4. **Read Ephesians 4:15-16**. When was the last time you spoke the truth to build up the body of Christ?

Evaluation: Have you been thinking and acting like church is a family?

If so, how?

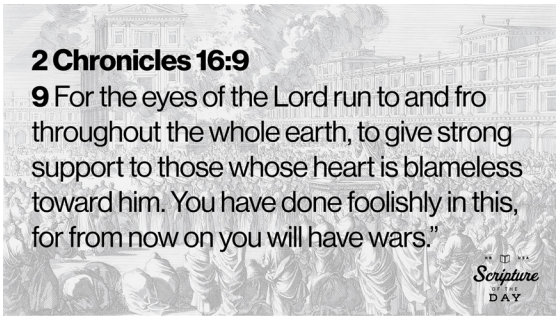
If not, what is going to change?

PRAYER MINISTRY

Mondays @ 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room

November 2nd - Special Election Prayer Night in the Main Auditorium
November 9th - Prayer That Wins Wars #2 (The Prayer of Hezekiah in 2 Chronicles 32)
November 16th - When the Holidays Aren't Happy Prayer Night
November 23rd - NO PRAYER MINISTRY (Thanksgiving Week)

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY



2nd Chronicles

	M	T	W	TH	F
Nov 2-6	17-18	19-20	21-22	23	24

Are you still reading Chronicles with us? If so, you read this epic verse on Friday and the theme of seeking God with your heart or forsaking him is becoming so clear (1 Chronicles 28:9). Look for a new video this Tuesday morning at 7:00 AM!