

# **The Power of Presence**

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5

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**BIG IDEA: The presence of others helps us persevere until Jesus returns.**

## **I. The presence of another believer is refreshing (vv. 17-18)**

**2 Timothy 1:16-17** | 16 May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, 17 but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me.

**Hebrews 10:24-25** | 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

## **II. The presence of Jesus will be revealing (vv. 19-20)**

### III. The presence of truth is reassuring (vv. 3:1-5)

#### 1. Without truth, we can be shaken by trials

**Hebrews 3:12-13** | 12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

**James 4:7** | Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

#### 2. With truth, we see God’s purpose in trials

**Matthew 5:10-12a** | 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,”

**James 1:2-3** | 2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

### Benediction

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