How To Be An

Encourager 2 Thessaloníans 1:1-12

We ALL need Encouragement...

Ever noticed some Christians seem to have More Problems than Others?

For Every Trial there is a PURPOSE.

Paul Provides us with Three WAYS WE can Encourage those around us.

LET US ENCOURAGE THEM WITH PRAISE (vv. 1-4)

- Paul begins by **Praising** the Lord for what GOD was **Doing** in their lives.
- "Your faith is **GROWING!**" (v.3a)
- "Your love is ABOUNDING!" (v.3b)
- "Your witness is **SHINING!**" (v.4)

LET US ENCOURAGE THEM WITH PROMISE (vv. 5-10)

- Suffering is a PART of God's Plan. (Philippians 1:29)
- God promises a **REWARD** (v.5)
- God promises **REPAYMENT** (vv.6, 8-10a)
- God promises <u>**REST**</u> (vv.7, 10)

LET US ENCOURAGE THEM WITH PRAYER (vv. 11-12)

- Is there a Greater Way to HELP someone than to ASK our Heavenly Father to Encourage them?
- Paul prayed for their WORTHINESS (v. 11a)
- Paul prayed for their <u>WORK</u> (v. 11b)
- Paul prayed for their WITNESS (v.12)
- <u>Jesus</u> can be <u>Glorified</u> in YOU <u>TODAY</u>!!
 DO...WHAT...GLORIFIES...GOD!"
- The <u>LIFE</u> you live may be the <u>ONLY gospel</u> a lost person may witness...