

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: May 2, 2018**  
**1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5**

1. What does Paul call the Thessalonian church in 2:17? \_\_\_\_\_  
How does Paul refer to his separation from them in 2:17? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How, according to 2:18-3:1, did Paul feel about this separation?
  - a. He wanted to come to them.
  - b. He made several attempts to get to them.
  - c. They are his hope, his joy, his crown in which he will glory...
  - d. They couldn't stand it.
3. How do you feel when you are separated from the people of God? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What does Paul mean that Satan blocked his way from coming to see the Thessalonians?
  - a. Satan was the author of the persecution that Paul and his companions faced.
  - b. Paul had other ministries that took priority.
  - c. Paul had been idle, sitting and waiting for an opportunity to do ministry.
  - d. While Satan literally prevented him from returning, God used it as an opportunity for him to do ministry elsewhere.
  - e. Other. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Does it seem like Paul would have done the ministry if it could possibly have been done?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What keeps us from doing ministry? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What was Paul's answer, in 3:1-3, when there was a ministry to be done that he had been unable to do?
  - a. He left the ministries that he was doing and did that ministry anyway.
  - b. He recognized when there may be somebody else more suited or more able to do the ministry that needed done and sent them to do it.
  - c. He held out in hopes that eventually he would be able to do it.
8. What do we do when we are unable to a particular ministry that we know needs to be done?
  - a. We sit around waiting for something to break through.
  - b. We find a way to do God's work where we are and in the situation in which we've found ourselves.
  - c. We find others that may be able to do the ministry that we are unable to and enlist them in the service of God.
  - d. We leave the ministry undone.
9. How important is it to us to strengthen and encourage the faith of other believers? \_\_\_\_\_  
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