



Encouragement For Persecuted Believers

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Introduction

- **Please name some men from the Old Testament who were persecuted for believing in God.**

- **Name some Old Testament saints that are mentioned in Hebrews 11.**

- **Give some examples of Christians who have been persecuted in countries around the world.**

1st Application

- **Read 2 Thessalonians 3:1. What is the meaning of "the Word of the Lord"?**
- **According to Paul's request, who will spread the gospel?**
- **What are the three essential components of the gospel?**
- **Is it possible that God may not want you to share the gospel with some people? How do we decide to whom we should share the gospel?**

2nd Application

- **Read 2 Thessalonians 3:2. What type of person persecutes Christians? Name three characteristics.**
- **If you are persecuted, what should you do first? What did Paul ask these believers to do for him?**

3rd Application

- **Read 2 Thessalonians 3:3. Who guards believers?**

- **But from what does God guard believers? Read Luke 22:31, because it provides a hint.**

4th Application

- **Read 2 Thessalonians 3:4-5. According to Paul, what is God doing in the lives of believers?**
- **What is the meaning of “direct your hearts into the love of God”?**
- **What is the meaning of “into the steadfastness of Christ”?**

The Conclusion

- **What was the purpose of 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5?**
- **How will this study affect you?**