

SERMON NOTES

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FAITHFUL TO THE FINISH

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

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BIG IDEA: God calls us to live <u>faithfully</u> together until Christ returns.

RESPECT (vv. 12-13)

Honor those who <u>lead</u> and <u>labor</u> in the Lord.

Peace thrives when God's people respect and support their leaders.

CARE (vv. 14-15)

Every believer has a role in <u>shepherding</u> others.

Christlike love refuses retaliation and seeks the good of all.

SPIRIT (vv. 16-22)

<u>Joy</u>, <u>prayer</u>, and <u>gratitude</u> are marks of the Spirit's work.

The Spirit empowers us to discern truth and pursue holiness.

FAITHFULNESS (vv. 23-28)

Sanctification is God's work from start to finish.

God's faithfulness guarantees our <u>perseverance</u>.

Prayer, fellowship, and Scripture are the lifeblood of Christian community.

Scripture Verses (ESV): 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28, Hebrews 13:17, Philippians 2:1-2, Galatians 6:1-2, Romans 12:17-21, Ephesians 5:19-20, Acts 17:11, Philippians 1:6, Jude 24, Acts 2:42