THESSALONIKI: BUILD EACH OTHER UP

1 Thessalonians 5:11-24

Memory verse: "So continue encouraging each other and building each other up…" – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Thessaloniki, or Thessalonica, was a capital of one of the districts of Macedonia, and an important stop on the Roman Via Egnatia trade route. Paul visited during his second missionary journey, preaching in the synagogue, where the book of Acts reports that a number of people, including Greek God-worshippers and prominent women, joined the early church. Paul wrote a letter to the church, some believe not long after leaving, that emphasized holy living and perseverance amid persecution and answered questions about the return of Christ.

 Monday: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11.
Who is someone you can encourage this week?
What words or actions can you use to build someone up?

 Tuesday: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13.
How do you show respect to leaders, teachers, or parents?
Why is love important when we work together?

 Wednesday: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15.
What does it look like to live peacefully with others?
Where do you need more patience right now?

 Thursday: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.
What are you thankful for today?
How can prayer and joy help you handle challenges?

 Friday: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22.
How can you tell what is good?
What helps you choose good even when it's hard?

 Saturday: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24.
When do you feel weak or uncertain?
How does knowing God is faithful help you keep going?

The key to surviving the trials ahead, Paul taught, was to strengthen community by investing in each other.
Core Value: We build each other up.