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FAITH

A Study of
1 Thessalonians

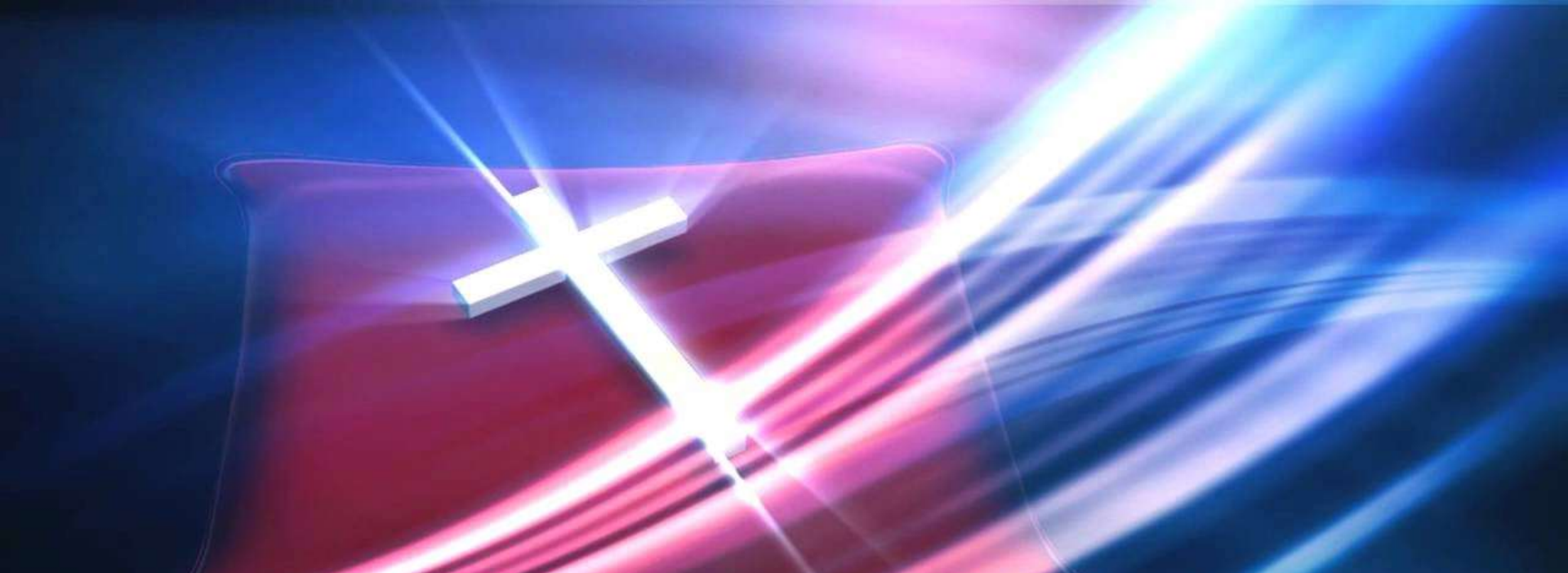


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Living Authentically

*When Leadership is
More than Position*

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*If we want to live a life of authentic faith,
we need to anchor ourselves deeply
in the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

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1 Thessalonians 1:9b

**“you turned to God from idols
to serve the living and true God.”**

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John Dalberg Acton

“Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men.”



Leadership is just about Position.



1 Thessalonians 2:6a

**“Nor did we seek glory from people,
whether from you or from others”**

1 Thessalonians 2:6b

“...though we *could have* made demands
as apostles of Christ.”

How Does Authentic Gospel Faith Change & Renew Leadership?

1. It Cures Leadership of Its Greed for Power

1 Thessalonians 2:3

“For our appeal does not spring from error
or impurity or any attempt to deceive”

1 Thessalonians 2:5

“For we never came with words of flattery,
as you know, nor with a pretext for greed
- God is witness.”

*In leadership,
there is a temptation
to use followers, so as
to gratify your greed
for power.*



1 Thessalonians 2:7

“But we were gentle among you,
like a nursing mother
taking care of her own children.”



***Are you a power-greedy or
'mothering' leader?***

Isaiah 53:4a, 5

**“4 Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows...**

**5 But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement
that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.”**

How Does Authentic Gospel Faith Change & Renew Leadership?

- 1. It Cures Leadership of Its Greed for Power*
- 2. It Cures Leadership of Its Fear of Man*

1 Thessalonians 2:4b-5a

“so we speak, not to please man,
but to please God who tests our hearts.
For we never came with words of flattery”

In leadership, there is a temptation to be used by your followers, so as to appease your fear of man.



1 Thessalonians 2:11-12a

“For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you”

**“Look at Me when I’m
talking to you”**



*Are you a man-fearing
or 'fathering' leader?*

Matthew 16:34

“But he turned and said to Peter, “***Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me.*** For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.””

How Does Authentic Gospel Faith Change & Renew Leadership?

- 1. It Cures Leadership of Its Greed for Power*
- 2. It Cures Leadership of Its Fear of Man*
- 3. It Recovers the True Source of Leadership*



**Leaders are neither born nor made
- leaders are appointed by God.**

Romans 13:1

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.”

**The problem
is us.**



What is the source of your leadership?

1 Thessalonians 2:13

“And we also thank God constantly for this,
that when you *received* the word of God,
which you heard from us, you *accepted* it
not as the word of men but as what it really is,
the word of God...”

**“Look at Me when I’m
talking to you”**

1 Thessalonians 2:12b

“walk in a manner worthy of God”

1 Thessalonians 2:12b

“walk in a manner worthy of God,
who calls you into his own Kingdom
and glory”

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