

#### **THESSALONIAN CHURCH**

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 (NIV84) <sup>1</sup> Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: **Grace** and peace to you.

# PRAYER POWER

<sup>2</sup> We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.

### **CHURCH OF ACTION**

<sup>3</sup> We continually remember before our God and Father **your work** produced by faith, your **labor** prompted by love, and **your endurance** inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### GOSPEL OF POWER

<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers **loved by God**, that he has **chosen you**, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you **not simply** with words, but also **with power**, with **the Holy Spirit** and **with deep conviction**. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

### A MODEL OF SUFFERING

<sup>6</sup> You became **imitators** of us and of the Lord; in spite of **severe suffering**, you welcomed the message with the joy <u>given by the</u> <u>Holy Spirit</u>. <sup>7</sup> And so you **became a model** to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

## **FASTING?**

- 1. Brings freedom!
- 2. Step out of our comfort

### MOST NB MESSAGE!

<sup>9</sup>They tell **how you turned to God from idols** <u>to serve the living and</u> <u>true God</u>, <sup>10</sup> and **to wait for his Son** from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, <u>who</u> <u>rescues us from the coming</u> <u>wrath.</u>

