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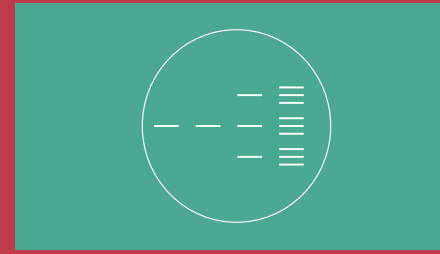
God's people have been purchased by His blood and are empowered with His Spirit to influence the world around them...

And your church is designed to create and commission leaders who will serve the world as they represent Christ and reconcile people to Him.

No organization or opportunity offers what Jesus offers us.

(Designed to Lead)

Faith: Stand Firm



The Church is able to multiply the Christ-empowered leaders the world desperately needs.

Your church, the one you worship with every Sunday, is divinely designed to develop leaders who will bless and serve their families, churches, communities, and the world.

But **conviction**, **culture** and **constructs** are all required.

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Faith

Stand

Firm

1 Thes. 3:6-10



God's: Fellow Workers

The Intensity of Personal Relationships v. 1-5

God's Fellow Worker & Our Labor v. 2 & 5

Strengthen & Encourage v. 2

(Another's) Faith v. 2 & 5



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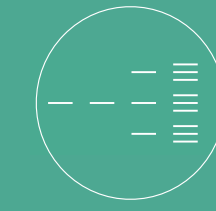
The Intensity of Personal Relationships v. 6-10

Comforted through your Faith v. 7

Living as you Stand Firm v. 8

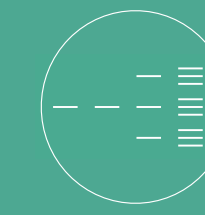
Thankful, Joyful, Prayerful v. 9-10

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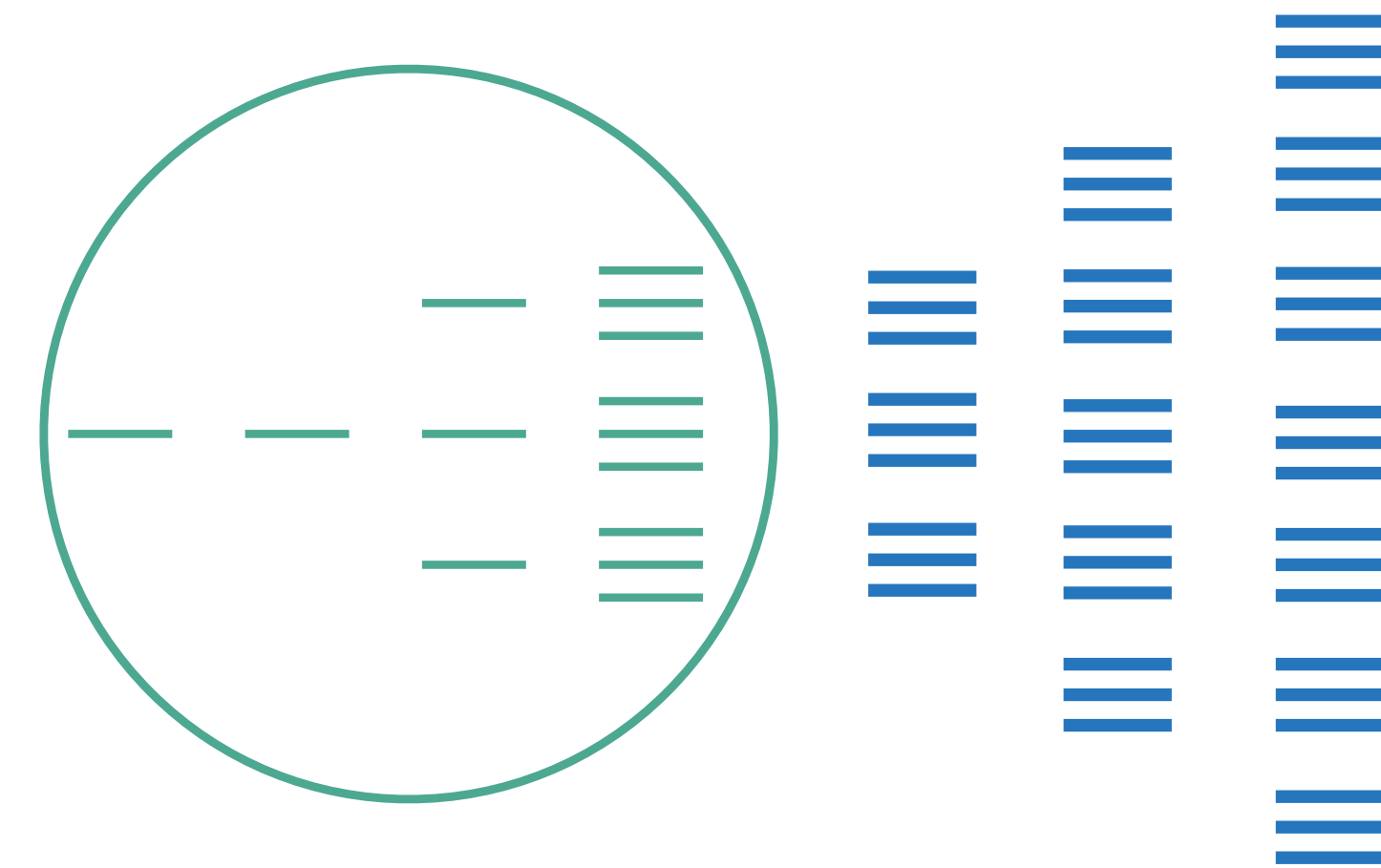
1 Thes. **3:1** Therefore **when we could endure *it* no longer**, we thought it best to be left behind at Athens alone, **2** and we sent Timothy, our **brother** and **God's fellow worker** in the gospel of Christ, to **strengthen** and **encourage** you as to **your faith**, **3** so that no one would be disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we have been destined for this. **4** For indeed when we were with you, we *kept* telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it came to pass, as you know. **5** For this reason, **when I could endure *it* no longer**, I also sent to find out about **your faith**, for fear that **the tempter** might have tempted you, and our **labor** would be in vain.

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ReFocus Vision Team → Equips Fellow Workers so that CCBC Fellow Workers → Equip Kingdom Citizens

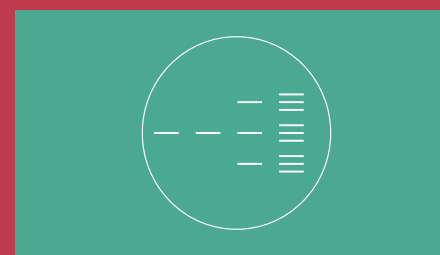
In 2020, join me in praying that we “Remove the Mission Fog” so that as “Fellow Workers” we can build on unity and see “organizational clarity.”



Stages of Alignment (Will Mancini)

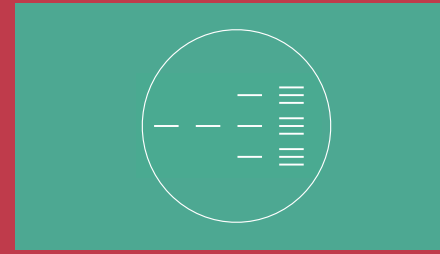
Confusion → Communication → Coordination → Collaboration

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1 Thessalonians **3:6** But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of **your faith** and **love**, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, **7** for this reason, **brethren**, in all our distress and affliction **we were comforted** about you through **your faith**; **8** for now **we really live**, if **you stand firm in the Lord**. **9** For what **thanks** can we render to God for you in return for all the **joy** with which we rejoice before our God on your account, **10** as we night and day keep **praying** most earnestly that we may see your face, and may complete what is lacking in **your faith**?

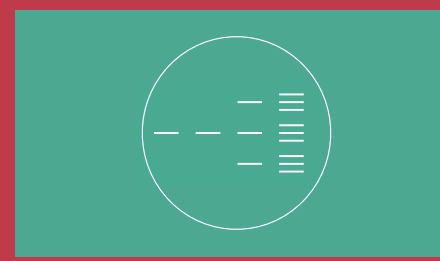
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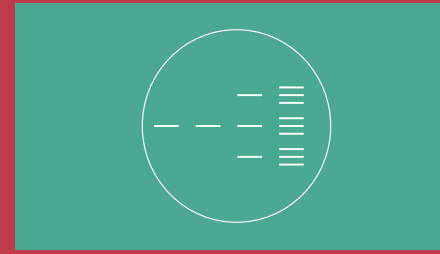
- The continued faith of the Thessalonians was good news & brought comfort in times of distress & affliction.
- It is life-giving when those we love stand firm in the Lord.

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Romans 1:11 For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; 12 that is, that I may be **encouraged together** with you while among you, each of us **by the other's faith**, both yours and mine.

James 2:14 What use is it, my **brethren**, if someone says he has **faith** but he has no works? Can that **faith** save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so **faith**, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. (October One Minute Clinic)

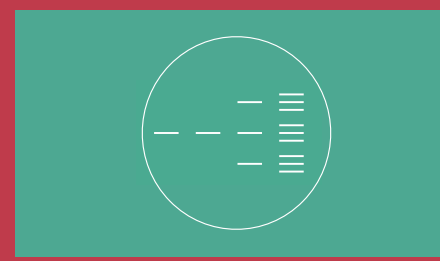


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- The writers are thanking God and praying to God for them.
- The writers worked night and day so they wouldn't be a financial burden (2:9) and prayed night and day so their faith would grow and so they would be fit for ministry.

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Faith-filled prayer lifts our eyes from ourselves to God's agenda & our heart to work alongside of Him.

Practice a regular pattern of prayer, for example,

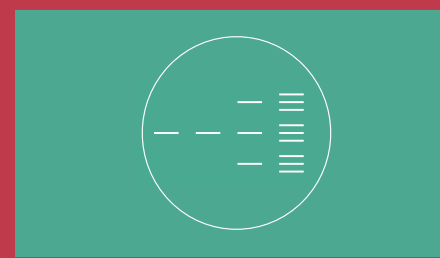
Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

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As we equip and encourage leaders for God's Church,
We must develop leaders who are:

- Models of Character
- Guardians of Doctrine
- Shepherds of Care
- Champions for Mission
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Faith

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Love

Hope

Pray for Conviction, Culture & Constructs.