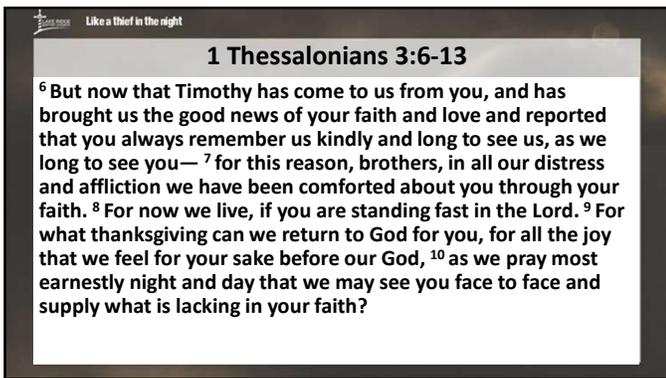


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Like a thief in the night

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Like a thief in the night

**Overflow with Love,
Be Firm in Holiness!**

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Like a thief in the night **Love & Holiness**

Paul Rejoiced in Their Spiritual Condition

- Paul was concerned about the new Christians he'd been forced to leave behind in Thessalonica
- He sent Timothy to check on them (verses 1-3)
- They were doing great (verse 6)!
- Paul rejoiced in their spiritual growth (verses 7-11)

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Like a thief in the night Love & Holiness

Overflow with Love – Jesus is Coming (verse 12)!

- Let the Holy Spirit fill you to overflowing with love

Grow in Community
Thrive Groups are the place to grow deep relationships and see the love of Jesus

Practice Personal Spiritual Habits

- Bible Reading
- Prayer
- Meditation
- Giving
- Fasting
- Memorization

Worship God
Participate in our weekly worship gatherings

Share Your Hope

- Invite people to join you @ J.RBC
- Invest in people's lives with gospel hope
- Converse about spiritual matters

Serve God
Many opportunities exist – or start a new team based on your passion and God's leading

- Increase in love for other Christians
- Abound in love for non-Christians

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Like a thief in the night Love & Holiness

Be Firm in Holiness – Jesus Is Coming (verse 13)!

- You are declared holy by Jesus Christ
- In response to God's grace, let the Holy Spirit actually make you holy!
- Fight and kill any sin that tempts you

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