



## IMITATING GOD'S LOVE

### 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-14A

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1. Remember \_\_\_\_\_

1 *Thessalonians 2:1–14 (ESV)*  
2 *For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. 2 But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. 3 For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5 For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. 6 Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. 7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. 8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. 9 For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. 10 You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. 11 For you know how, like a father with his children, 12 we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. 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, which is at work in you believers. 14 For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea.*

2. Imitate \_\_\_\_\_

3. Believe \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read 2 Peter 1:3** - Are there parts of scripture that you lack belief in? How might you be able to combat doubt with the Holy Scriptures?

2. **Read Colossians 3:1-4** - What are the things of the world that occupy your mind more than the things of God? How can the promises of God encourage you to think of what's eternal, rather than what's temporary?

3. **Read 1 John 3:23** - Each day when you wake up, do you think about abiding by this commandment? In what ways can we proactively seek to love one another?

4. **Read Ephesians 5:1-2** - Is there a strong believer in your life who you often imitate? If so, what are the attributes of the believer that you look up to and desire to emulate? *\*If you do not know of one, please reach out to one of your leaders as a mentor. They are here for you!\**