

The Steady Church in an Unsteady World

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24



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HOUSE OF HORRORS



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Los Angeles Times

STUNNING TRUMP WIN



BY THE MARGIN OF 270 ELECTORAL COLLEGE VOTES, TRUMP WON THE WHITE HOUSE

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Oh my God, is Trump!



TRUMP PENCE

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

PRESIDENT TRUMP




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The Sydney Morning Herald

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Black Trump will set up new world order

THE TIMES

TRUMP SURGE



The Washington Post

Trump triumphs



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NEW YORK POST

PRESIDENT TRUMP



They said it couldn't happen



3 Things that happen when Unsteadiness is injected into the world & our lives



Breakdown in societies



Breakdown in our souls

Breakdown in our minds



FIRST THESSALONIANS

The Pastor's Heart

The Pastor's Burden

Thanksgiving
Remembering
Affirming

The pastor
among the
flock
The flock's

Personal concern
Comfort and relief

Sexual purity
Prophetic urgency

Stay alert!
Encourage
one another!

Thanksgiving &
encouragements

Paul's defence of His
Apostolic Actions & Actions

Exhortations to Grow in
Jesus Christ

CHAPTER
1

CHAPTER
2

CHAPTER
3

1. Character of the Christian
2. Coming of Jesus Christ
3. Conduct of the Church

Perspective

Looking back

Subject

The church itself

The apostle himself

The report

Especially
Appropriate
for ...

new
converts

young
pastors

suffering
Christians

tempted and
uninformed
Christians

"sleepy"
Christians

Theme

The hope of Christ's return comforts us and motivates us to godly living.

Key Verses

1:8-10; 4:1, 13-18

Christ in
1 Thessalonians

Jesus is our source of hope and comfort, the One who rescues believers from the coming wrath (1:10; 4:13-5:11).

#1. Steady as a COMMUNITY

A red lighthouse with a white base and a grey roof stands on a rocky island. A large, white, foamy wave is crashing against the lighthouse, splashing high into the air. The sky is dark and cloudy, suggesting a storm. The lighthouse has a small balcony and a lantern room on top. The water is dark and turbulent.

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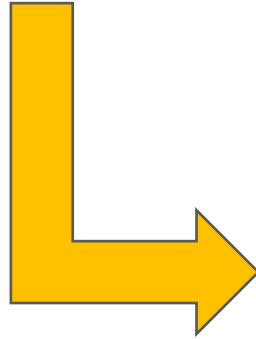
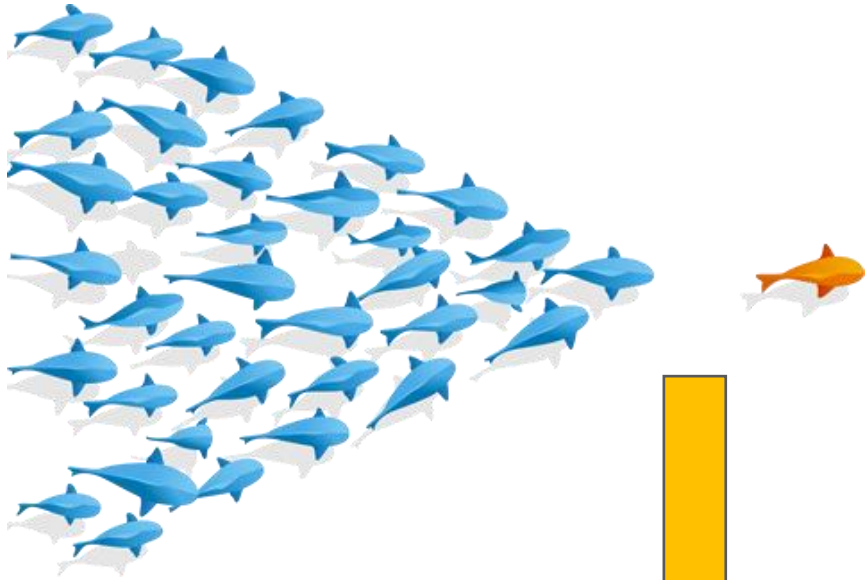
Steady as a COMMUNITY

- 1. Work Hard < To know, highest regard in love
- 2. Idle <
- 3. Timid <

Those that labour (fatigue), those set over you / guardian & those who reprove you gently / mentor

To know, understand, be intimately acquainted

To think, account - Superabundant, superior – in love



Partners, serving God



¹² And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

¹³ And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.



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5. Everyone < To (1) Live in peace, (2) be patient, (3) make sure not one pays back wrong for wrong, (4) be kind



The graces of God to us



A reflection of God

#2. Steady in the LORD



... as a COMMUNITY

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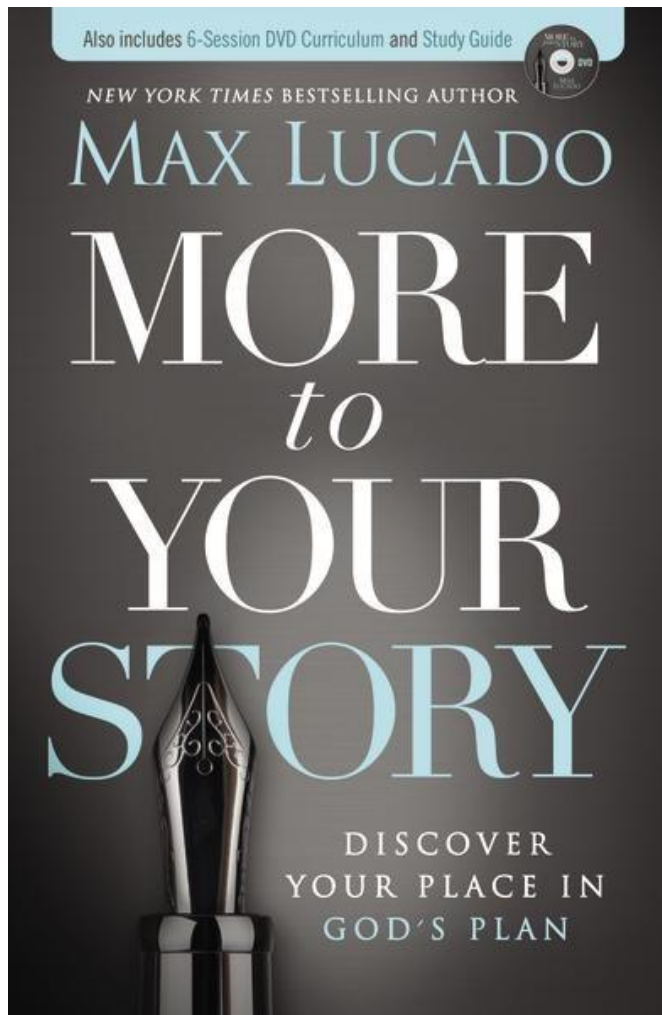
= to be full of “cheer” i.e. calmly well off; **to be well**; to be glad; rejoice (Matt 2:10; Rev 19:7) – *it’s all okay*

Pantote = Pas + Hote

Pas = every (Matt 4:4 every word ...)
Hote = when (Matt 21:34 when the time of fruit ...)

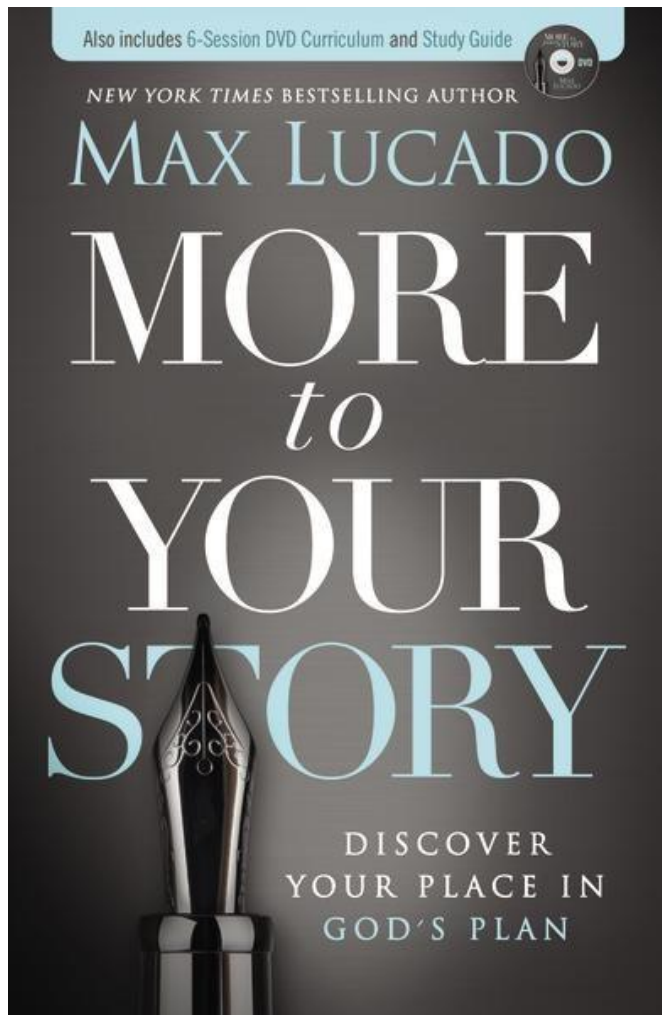
= at all times; always

How can we be joyful always?



1. **God works** He is busy behind the scenes, above the fray, within the fury. He hasn't checked out or moved on. He is ceaseless and tireless. He never stops working.
2. **God works for the good** – Not for our comfort or pleasure or entertainment, but for our ultimate good. Since he is the ultimate good, would we expect anything less?

How can we be joyful always?



- 3. *God works for the good of those who love him*** – Behold the benefit of loving God! Make his story your story, and your story takes on a happy ending. Guaranteed. Being the author of our salvation, he writes a salvation theme into our biography.
- 4. *God works in all things*** – Panta, in Greek. Like “panoramic” or “pandemic”. All-inclusive. God works, not through a few things or through the good things, best things, or easy things. But in “all things” God works.

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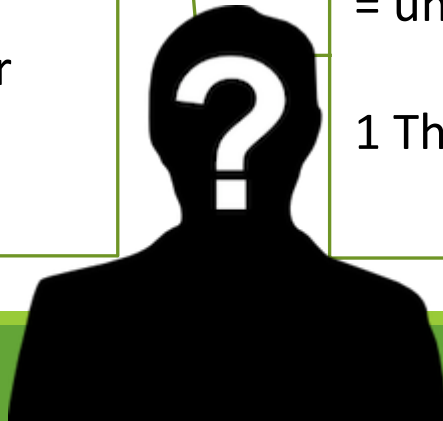
Proseuchomai

= to pray to God; to supplicate (ask or beg for something earnestly or humbly)

Adialeiptos

= uninterruptedly; without ceasing

1 Thes 1:3; 1 Thes 2:13; 1 Thes 5:17



**If God answers your prayers,
He is increasing your faith.**

**If God delays, He is increasing
your patience.**

**If God doesn't answer, He has
something better for you**

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= to be grateful; feel thankful
(express gratitude) – Luke
17:11-19 The 10 Lepers &
the Samaritan

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The consciousness of a benefit/blessings received ...
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THANKSGIVING



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Why are people are not thankful

1. Some believe there is not God; even if there is He has not contributed to anything in their achievements
2. Some think God has done nothing for them
3. Some are too used to God's mercy
4. Some are just ungrateful
5. Some hold a grudge against God
6. Some have crowded / choked out gratefulness (too busy, too many cares)



My SOUL
is anchored
in the Lord

hebrews 6:18-20

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#3. Steady in SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

... in the LORD
... as a COMMUNITY

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ACHIEVING YOUR WILDLY
IMPORTANT GOALS



The 4 Disciplines of Execution



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2. Acting on Lead Measures
3. Keeping a Compelling Scoreboard
4. Creating a Cadence of Accountability

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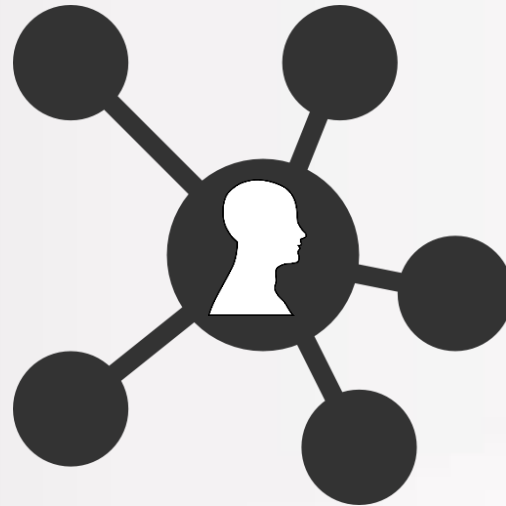
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The 5 Disciplines of Spiritual Discernment

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1. Guides us
 2. Teaches us God's Word
 3. Convicts us
 4. Sanctifies us
 5. Empowers us for witness
 6. Empowers us to the work of Christ
 7. Exalts Jesus

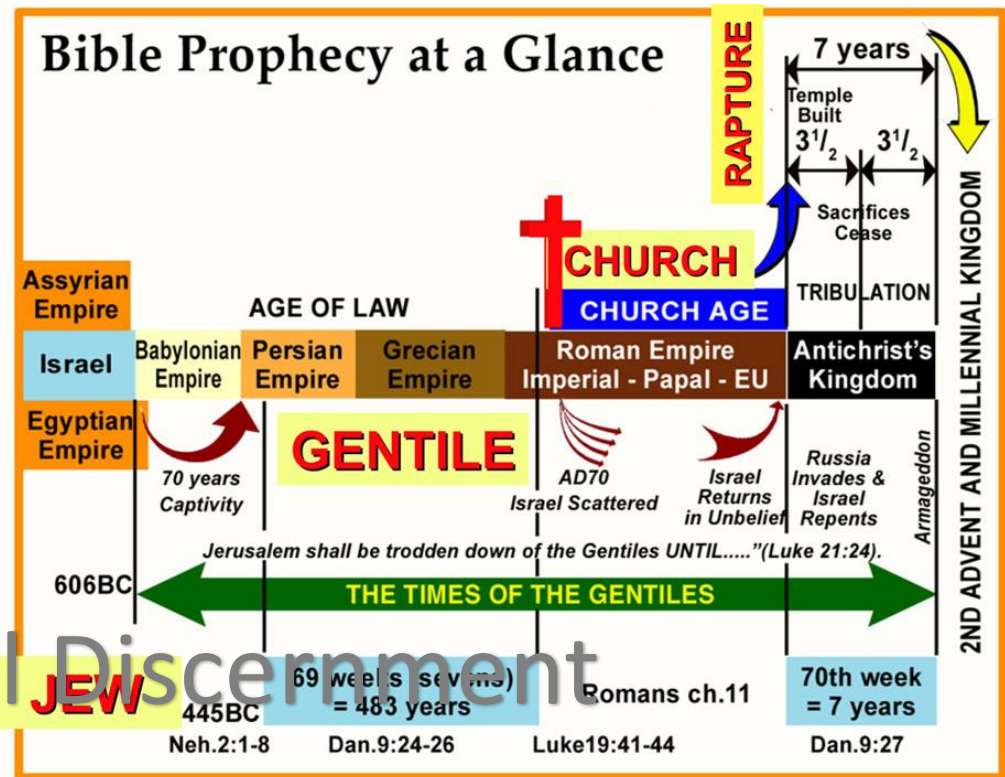
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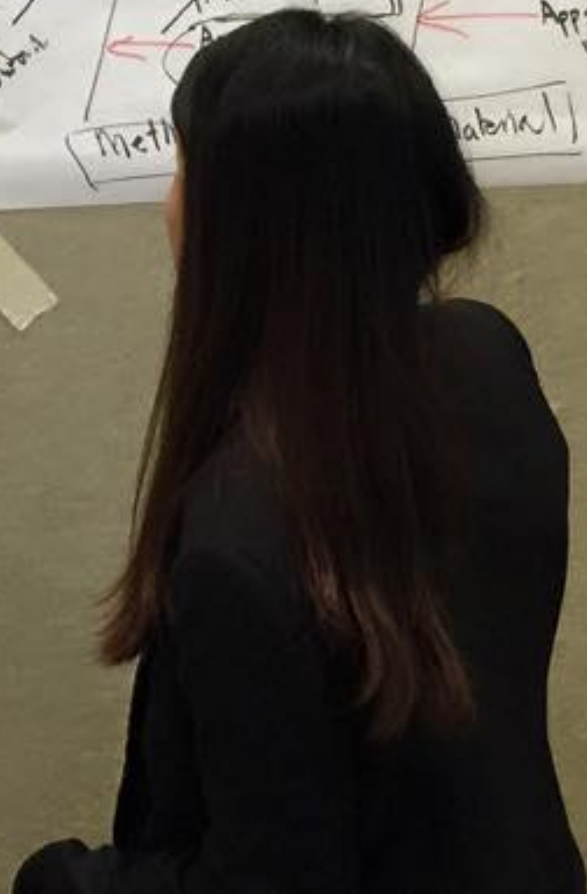
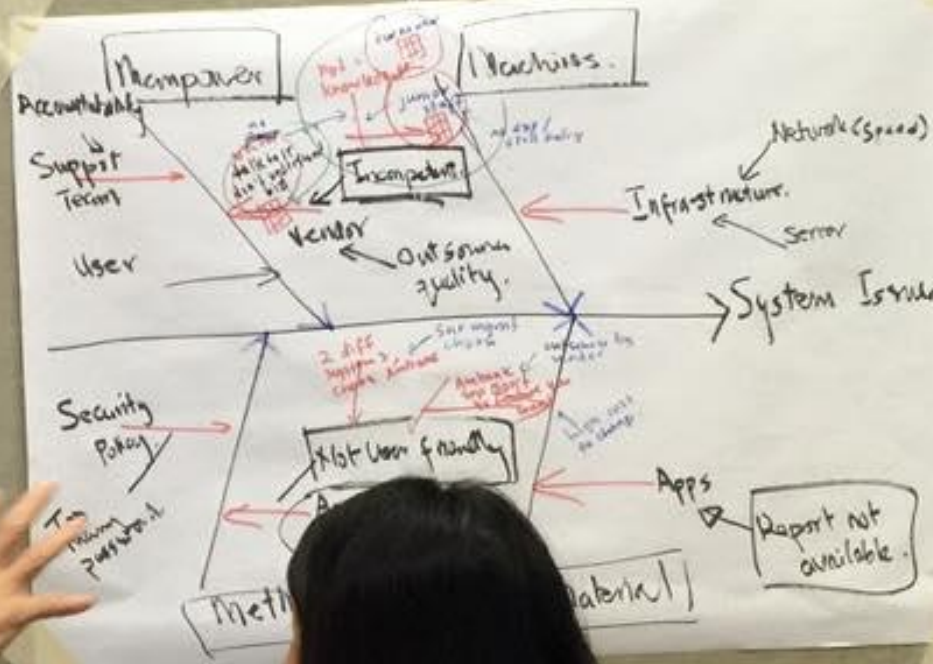
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3. Test everything (5:21)

Dokimazo
= to test; allow, discern,
examine; approved

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The 5 Disciplines of Spiritual Discernment

1. Do not extinguish the Spirit (5:19)
2. Despise not prophecies (5:20)
3. Test everything (5:21)
4. Hold on to the good (5:21)
5. Avoid every kind of evil (5:22)

Kalos

= good, valuable, virtuous, beautiful, excellent, precious, useful, suitable, honourable, comforting

Poneros

= hurtful, evil, calamitous, ill, mischief, malic, guilt, the devil, sinners, harassing, bad



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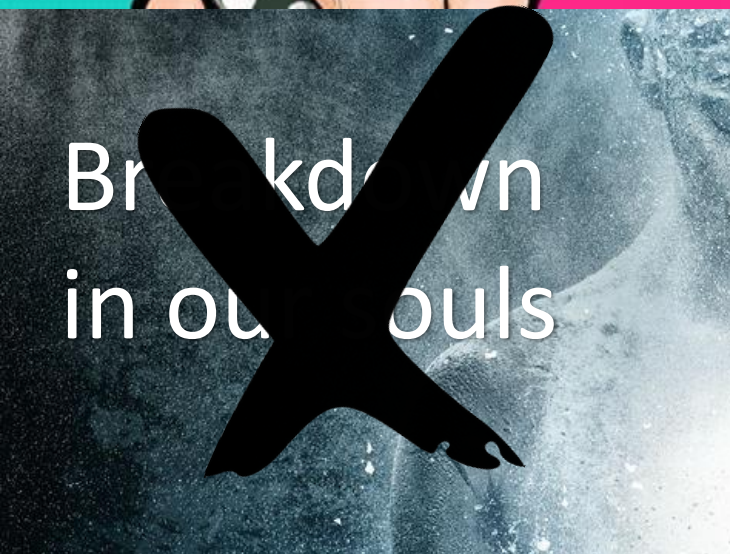
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The Conclusion

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God's going to fix everything
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Keep the focus