

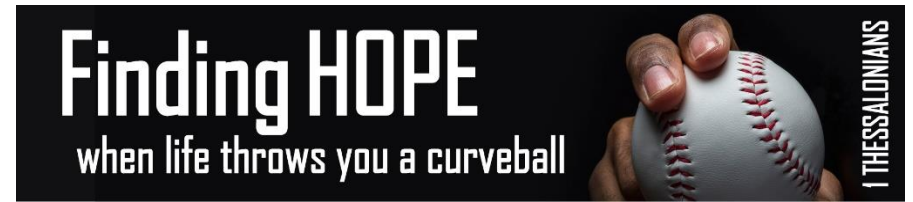
**LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK:** From Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016 (page 3)

## TAKING IT HOME

1. How connected do you feel to the people at First Free Church? What are some specific things that you can do to develop and strengthen the community at Church?

2. Paul's mission was reaching the lost for God. On a scale of 1 – 10, what is your outreach temperature today? What is one thing you can do to raise it by one degree?

Prayer Requests:



### **SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES** – Sept. 18, 2016

Series: "How to Find Hope When Life Throws You a Curveball" / 1 Thess.

Message #3: "Embracing God's Antidote to Any Curveball"

By Mark Brunott

#### **God's antidote to any curveball:**

Remain faithful to God in all circumstances.

#### **To remain faithful to God in all circumstances:**

- You must stand strong upon **God's Word**.
- You must stand alongside others through times of **suffering**.
- You must stand intensely for **others** to grow spiritually.

#### **Sources for "intense longing:**

- When you are **physically away** from people.
- When you **try and try** again and it does not work out.
- When you feel like **Satan** is stopping you.
- When you get the **feeling** "I've got to do something about this."

*A Christian's biggest enemy is **Satan**.*

*A Christian's **faith** in God is what will keep them faithful when Satan attacks.*

#### **Where are you on the path of remaining faithful to God?**

- Are you on a path leading **away** from God?
- Are you on a path that is a **crossroads** in your faith?
- Are you on the path of living a life that is **worthy** of God?

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### **QUICK REVIEW**

Mark provided three ways to remain faithful in suffering. What were they? Which one comes most naturally? Which one is hardest?

### **MY STORY**

1. What room in your childhood home fills you with warm memories? What happened there?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Who has invested in you and would consider you their "glory and joy"? How did they invest in you?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Read aloud our text, 1 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5.
  - What words or phrases were meaningful?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - What words or phrases were difficult to understand or accept?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Verse 18 tells us that Satan had prevented Paul from returning to the Thessalonians, his community. Many Christians today downplay or even deny Satan and the spiritual battles that are occurring. Do you agree? Why or why not?
  - Read the following passages and identify how Satan is at work today: 1 Peter 5:8; John 10:10; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 11:3, 14; Luke 8:11-12
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Paul closes chapter 2 by asking the questions "what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns?"
  - What is his answer (v 20)? Why is this his answer?