

## the WHY

#### 1 Thessalonians 1:8 (NASB)

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.



# the WHAT

## 1 Thessalonians 1:9b (NASB)

...and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God



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### 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 (NASB)

But we proved to be **gentle** among you, as a **nursing** mother **tenderly cares** for her **own** children. <sup>8</sup> Having so **fond an affection** for you, we were **well-pleased** to **impart** to you not only the gospel of God but also **our own lives**, because you had become **very dear** to us.





#### 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12 (NASB)

For you recall, brothers, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; <sup>11</sup> just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, <sup>12</sup> so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.



# 1. KNOW WHAT TEAM YOU'RE ON

GOSPEL ...not only the Gospel (2:8)

ONE ...give you our very lives...so dear to us (2:8)

WORD ...not just the words of men, it is the WORDS OF GOD (2:13)

SENT ...imitators in their call of taking the Gospel to the Gentiles (2:16)



# 2. What's your SPHERE?

#### **2 Corinthians 10:15-16 (NASB)**

not boasting beyond our measure, that is, in other men's labors, but with the hope that as your faith grows, we will be, within our sphere, enlarged even more by you, <sup>16</sup> so as to preach the gospel even to the regions beyond you, and not to boast in what has been accomplished in the sphere of another.



## 3. REPLICATE the IMITATE

#### 1 Thessalonians 2:14 (NASB)

For you, brethren, became **imitators** of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they *did* from the Jews...



### 1 Thessalonians 2:19 (NASB)

For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? For you are our glory and joy.