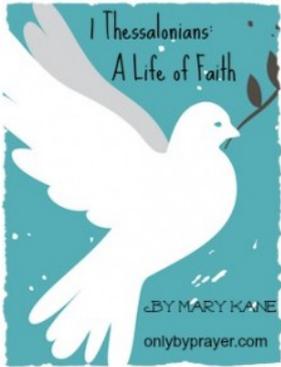


1 Thessalonians, A Life of Faith, Part 16: The Quiet Life



I love the *quiet*. As a busy teacher, who spends much of the school year with noisy, energetic children, I long for peace and quiet. *The quiet life*. God also loves *quiet* and wants us to live *the quiet life*. In the stillness of *the quiet life*, we can hear God's voice speak words of life and hope.

Even though God calls us to live *the quiet life*, that doesn't mean we are to be silent. In season and out of season, we need to be ready to tell everyone we meet about the grace we have found in Jesus Christ.

[Even though our lives are quiet, our character, words, and our actions should speak loudly of the Gospel.](#)

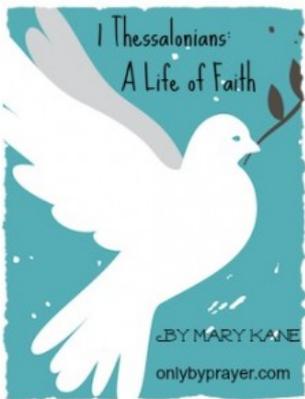


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So how do you live *the quiet life*, and yet speak loudly of the kingdom of God? God's Word contains the answer. To continue your study of 1 Thessalonians, A Life of Faith, please click on the link below.

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1 Thessalonians Part 15, A Life of Faith: Operation Sanctification



Insightful ... cute ... smart ... funny ... quixotic!

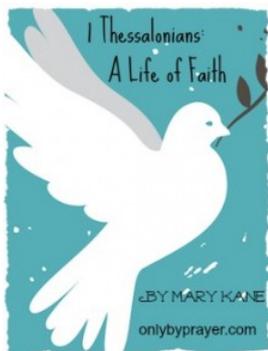
Think of words you'd use to describe yourself. Would you ever consider describing yourself as a "most holy thing"? Me either, but God does. Because of the cross, we have been washed clean (**sanctification**) by the blood of Christ. The process of **sanctification** is not a quick fix. Sanctification continues as long as we continue to draw breath.

Thankfully, we are not responsible for our **sanctification**. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit work together to wash away every sin and stain. Our **sanctification** is accomplished by His word, circumstances, prayer, and discipleship. **Operation Sanctification** ... God's going deep!

To do 1 Thessalonians A Life of Faith, Part 15: **Operation Sanctification**, please click on the link below.

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1 Thessalonians A Life of Faith, Part 12: Stand Firm by Mary Kane



“Maybe I should ... maybe I shouldn’t. I think I will, but then again, maybe I won’t. Nope. Yep. Final decision. I most definitely probably won’t.”

Have you ever had a conversation like the above with a friend, co-worker, family member ... yourself? Have you ever had trouble making a firm decision; swinging back and forth from choice “A” to choice “B” like the pendulum of a clock? Tick-tock, tick-tock, yes-no, maybe so.

I must admit I have had trouble trying to **stand firm** concerning decisions. Most of my wobbliness could be traced back to one deadly sin: people pleasing. In the not so distant past, my “**stand firm**” decisions were quickly toppled by one opinion contrary to my own. I was as firm as Jello at a July picnic.

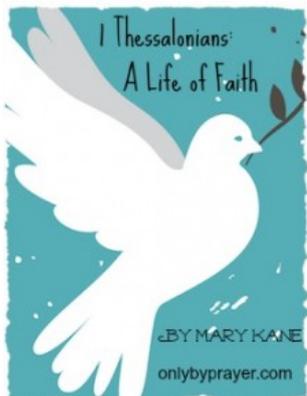
My lack of ability to **stand firm** has cost me plenty (stress, wasted time, consequences, REGRET). After much prayer, soul searching and the storing-up of God’s Word in my heart, I am learning to stand firm, but not on my own two feet. I now **stand firm** upon the Rock.

To learn what it means to **stand firm**, and continue our study in 1 Thessalonians, A Life of Faith, please [click on the link](#)

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[1 Thessalonians Part 12: Stand Firm](#)

1 Thessalonians A Life of Faith, Part 11: God's Co-worker



" ... and we sent Timothy to visit you. He is our brother and God's co-worker in proclaiming the Good News of Christ. We sent him to strengthen you, to encourage you in your faith."

Co-workers can be a wonderful blessing. When I was in college, I used to work at a popular pizza place. I had a wonderful **co-worker**. We were so close we often rode to work together. My **co-worker** and I covered for one another at work, traded clothes, shared our hurts and dreams and often saw each other apart from work. Clothes and dreams weren't the only things we shared, however. On one of our many long trips to work, my **co-worker** shared the Gospel with me. It is because of her witness that I became a Christian.

Our verse above states, " He [Timothy] is our brother and **God's co-worker**." Well, my **co-worker** is "my sister and **God's co-worker**." As a matter of fact, we are sisters and still **co-**

workers today; true co-workers, laboring together as **God's co-workers** to bring the message of the Gospel to a lost and lonely world.

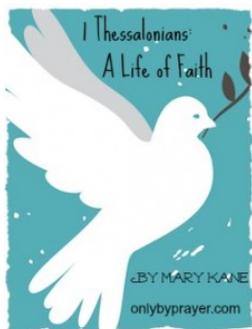


You too, can be **God's co-worker**. First you must lay down your life, pick up your cross and follow Him.

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[**1 Thessalonians A Life of Faith, Part 11: God's Co-worker**](#)

1 Thessalonians A Life of Faith, Part 8: From Cherish to Charge



Family is the bedrock element of civilization and culture. God, creator and founder of family, placed the responsibility of family within the institution of marriage. In God's perfect plan, children are taught, fostered and nurtured to live a **life of faith** by a father and a mother.

Most children would agree, mothers have a softer touch than their masculine counterparts. No matter what our age, when we are sick, hurt, or upset, we want our mother.

But, when the chips are down and there is a problem to be

solved (or a car to be repaired), fathers are on call. Sometimes children need a good dose of a dad's no-nonsense "straighten up and fly right" (especially teen-age sons). Such life-changing talks are best delivered by fathers.

Moms ... dads ... fathers ... mothers ... [cherish](#) ... [charge](#). It all adds up to family; not perfect but complete. Together, fathers and mothers teach and model to their offspring how to [live a life of faith](#).

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