

It Doesn't Make Sense

Doing what doesn't make sense in order to be like Jesus

I Thessalonians 5

I. The Context

II. Last Minute Details - 5:12-22

- A. Give high regard to your church leaders - 5:12,13
- B. Be diligent in relationships - 5:14,15
- C. Take extreme measures in hardships - 5:16-18
- D. Live godly in light of His return - 5:19-22

III. Extremes never make sense - 5:16-18

- A. Always Rejoice - glad, thrive, rejoice exceedingly
- B. Always Pray - every opportunity. Soul-“set”
- C. Always Give Thanks - be grateful, give thanks

IV. Why It DOES Make sense - 5:18b

- A. It is the will of God
 - 1. the purpose of God & how He brings about blessing
 - 2. the desire and pleasure of God
- B. For you
 - 1. What God requires of us is for our benefit
 - a) Restores my soul

V. Grace & Truth Application

- A. Truth: We are commanded repeatedly in Scripture to give thanks in all ways, circumstances and situations
- B. Grace: When I obey His command (because I know He has my best interest at heart), He returns the blessing to me