

When Faith Leads to Trouble

1 Thessalonians 3.1-5

The PROBLEM: In our culture, _____ often leads to _____.

The QUESTION: What do we do when our _____ leads to _____?

PAUL'S SOLUTIONS:

1. _____ that we are _____ for _____.

2. Don't let the Tempter _____, let the gospel _____.

3. _____.

When your _____ leads to _____, _____ with the _____!

Transformed by the Truth

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Where do you see the Christian faith/gospel creating trouble or friction in our culture now? What about in your own experience? How could embracing that this is a "destined" part of Christian life help you to respond to it?
2. How do you tend to react to trouble? Where would you land on this scale:

Avoid <-----> Engage

Given your tendency, how might the tempter focus his tempting on YOU? What are some practical ways you could resist this and become more "established?"
3. Who in your life is an example of faithfulness in times of trouble? How could you connect with them and learn from them more? Who in your life could you reach out to and be an encouragement to? What could this look like?
4. If you are currently facing trouble because of your faith, how could this group pray for you?