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A. OUR STRENGTH COMES FROM THE LORD- EPHESIANS 6:10

B. PAUL- PHILIPPIANS 4:13

C. IF WE DON'T ABIDE IN HIM WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING- JOHN 15:1-11

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- A. CHURCH WASN'T PERFECT- THEY THOUGHT CHRIST'S COMING WAS IMMINENT- 2 THESSALONIANS 2:3**
- B. HAD SOME WHO NEEDED TO BE DISCIPLINED- 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6**

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- 1. WE MUST DO THE WORKS OF GOD TO BE PLEASING TO HIM- JOHN 6:28-29**
- 2. PAUL KNEW THEY HAD A FAITH THAT WAS DEMONSTRATED BY THEIR WORKS- JAMES 2:14-26**

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CORINTHIANS 15:58**
- 2. BEING STEADFAST MEANS WE STAND FIRM IN OUR PLACE- 1
CORINTHIANS 16:13**
- 3. THIS GAVE PAUL CONFIDENCE THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN
THE LOVE OF GOD- JUDE 21**

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- 1. WHEN WE DO WHAT IS WRONG, WE NEED TO BE MOVED BY GODLY SORROW- 2 CORINTHIANS 7:8-12**
- 2. SIMON WAS MOVED BY GODLY SORROW AND CHANGED WHEN HE WAS CONFRONTED BY HIS SIN- ACTS 8:18-24**
- 3. DAVID WAS MOVED BY SORROW AND CHANGED WHEN HE DID WRONG-2 SAMUEL 12:1-15**
- 4. PAUL HAD CONFIDENCE THAT WHEN THE MEMBERS DID WHAT WAS WRONG, THEY WOULD BE CUT TO THE HEART AND TURN BACK TO GOD- ACTS 2:37**

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- 1. PAUL SAID THE MESSAGE HE TAUGHT WAS REVEALED BY THE SPIRIT- 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-13**
- 2. "ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD"- 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17**
- 3. BELIEVING THE GOSPEL IS GOD'S PLAN RESULTS IN NOT BEING ASHAMED- ROMANS 1:16**

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- 1. THE CHURCH AT THESSALONICA STARTED UNDER INTENSE PERSECUTION- ACTS 17:1-7; 1 THESSALONIANS 1:6-8**
- 2. YET IN ALL THIS THEY REMAINED STEADFAST- 1 THESSALONIANS 1:3**
- 3. THOSE WHO PUT THEIR TRUST IN GOD ARE WILLING TO SUFFER- 2 TIMOTHY 1:12**

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- 1. LOVING YOUR BRETHREN IS A COMMAND- 1 JOHN 4:20-21**
- 2. HAVING BRETHREN WHO LOVES US MEANS WE HAVE SOMEONE TO
REBUKE US WHEN WE DO WRONG- GALATIANS 2:11-14**
- 3. HAVING BRETHREN WHO LOVE US GIVES US STRENGTH IN NUMBERS-
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- 1. GOD IS A RIGHTEOUS JUDGE AND WILL NOT BE BIASED IN HIS
JUDGMENT- ROMANS 2:5-11**
- 2. GOD WILL PUNISH THE WICKED- MATTHEW 25:41-46**
- 3. WE BELIEVE IN THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT THEN WE WILL AIM TO
PLEASE GOD- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-10**

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