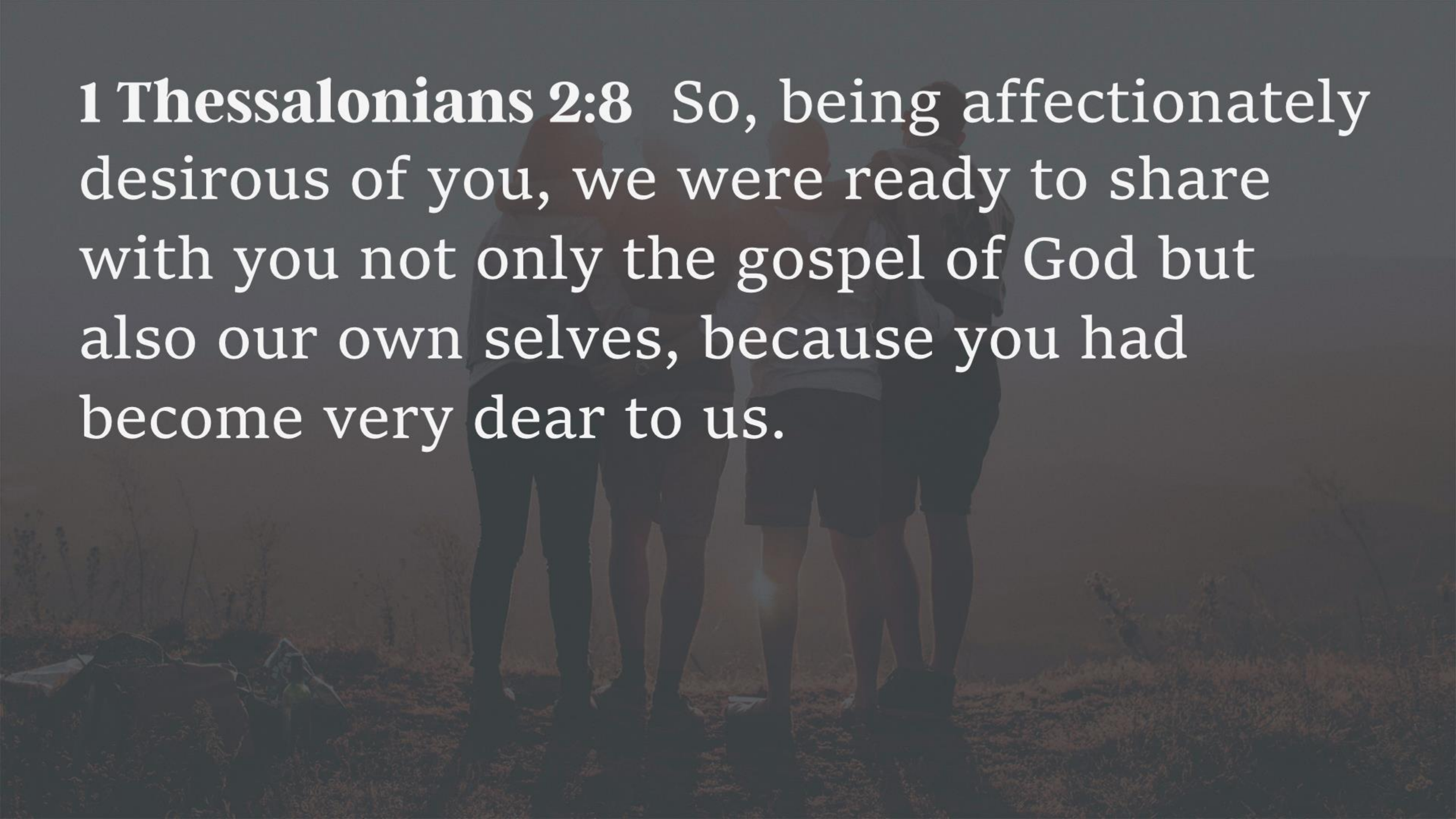


A photograph of four people standing on a grassy hill, hugging each other from behind. They are silhouetted against a bright sunset sky. The scene is peaceful and intimate. The text 'not only the gospel' is overlaid in a white serif font within a white rectangular frame.

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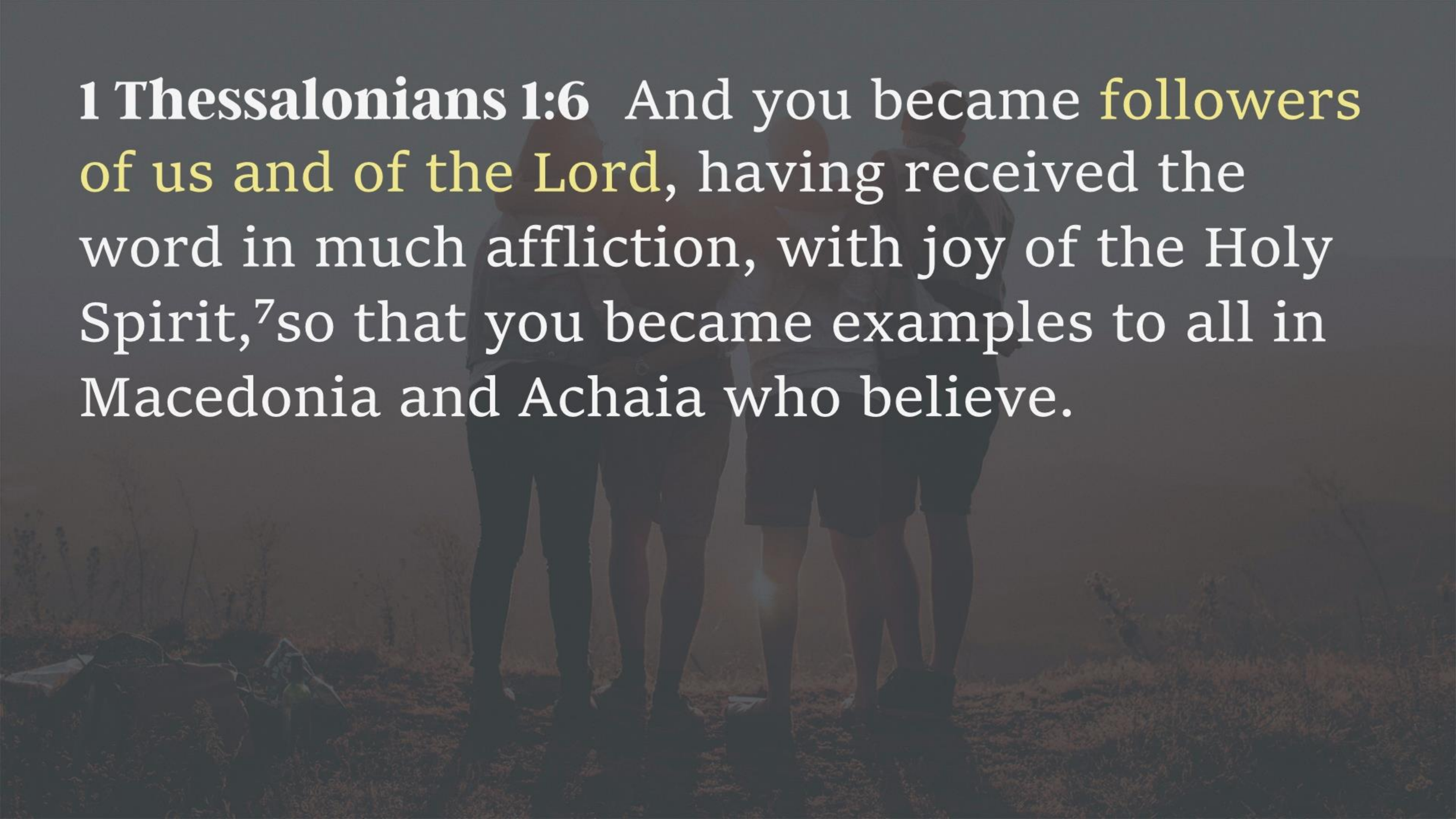
The background of the image shows the silhouettes of three people standing in a field, looking towards a bright sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, and the ground is dark with some sparse vegetation. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**1 Thessalonians 2:8** So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.



**1 Thessalonians 3:1** Therefore, when we could no longer endure it, we thought it good to be left in Athens alone,<sup>2</sup> and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith,<sup>3</sup> that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.



The background of the slide features a dark, atmospheric photograph of three people standing in a field, their forms silhouetted against a soft, hazy light, likely from a low sun. The overall tone is contemplative and serene.

**1 Thessalonians 1:6** And you became **followers of us and of the Lord**, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,<sup>7</sup>so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.



## Their Ministry Was Persistent

**1 Thessalonians 2:14** For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:<sup>15</sup>Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:<sup>16</sup>Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.



## Their Ministry Was Powerful

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.



# Their Ministry Was Practical

**1 Thessalonians 2:11** As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,<sup>12</sup> That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.



## Their Ministry Was Practical

**1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:<sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.<sup>18</sup> Wherefore **comfort one another with these words.**



## Their Ministry Was Personal

**1 Thessalonians 2:8** So, affectionately longing 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 dear to us.



# Their Ministry Was Personal

**1 Thessalonians 2:7** But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

**1 Thessalonians 2:11** as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children,