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Last week we looked at the second half of Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians and how it differed from the first half of the letter. This week we’re going to look more closely at a few of the main ideas in the second half.

Read [1 Thessalonians chapters 4 and 5](#).

What are the two main areas for which Paul gives guidance in the early part of chapter 4? Summarize that guidance in one sentence.

Do you think his guidance is applicable for your own apprenticeship to Jesus today? If so, how does it apply?

Do you think these two issues were connected for the Thessalonian church or were they unrelated topics that Paul felt he needed to address separately?

What do you make of Paul’s counsel in verses 11 and 12 of chapter 4 in regards to loving one another? Is there anything else in the letter that might give some insight into what Paul was getting at when he wrote these verses?

PRACTICING THE SPIRITUAL RHYTHMS

Meditation

Spend a few minutes considering the guidance that Paul gives in chapter 4.

What stands out to you about Paul’s guidance about sex?

Do you ‘control your own body’ in a way that is honoring to God and to your spiritual community?

How do you love others both inside and outside the church in a way that enhances the witness of your church and your spiritual community?

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[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

Monday

[1 Peter 3:1-22;](#)
[Psalm 139:14-24; Proverbs 30:5-7](#)

Tuesday

[1 Peter 4:1-19;](#)
[Psalm 140:1-5; Proverbs 30:8-10](#)

Wednesday

[1 Peter 5:1-14;](#)
[Psalm 140:6-13; Proverbs 30:11-13](#)

Thursday

[2 Peter 1:1-21;](#)
[Psalm 141; Proverbs 30:14-16](#)

Friday

[2 Peter 2:1-22;](#)
[Psalm 142; Proverbs 30:17-19](#)

Saturday

[2 Peter 3:1-18;](#)
[Psalm 143; Proverbs 30:20-22](#)