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What has the pace of your life been like the past couple of weeks? Are you still experiencing the slow-down from COVID or does it feel like the fast-paced world from pre-COVID has returned?

Take five minutes to just be with Jesus in silence. Let Him share the burden of your stress, fear, or anxiety. Let Him near to comfort and encourage your heart.

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

The beginning of chapter 4 marks a distinct turn in this letter from Paul. **What differences do you notice between the first half of the letter that we've covered so far, and these last two chapters?**

The last half of the letter is much more instructive. Paul spends most of the time specifically encouraging or challenging the church in Thessalonica across a variety of issues. **What issues do you notice Paul addressing in chapters 4 and 5?**

Why do you think Paul wrote about these specific issues with this church?

How might these issues be important for our own apprenticeship to Jesus more than 2,000 years later?

We've been reminded repeatedly throughout Paul's letter of how dearly he held these people in his heart. **Take a few minutes to remember and pray for other followers of Jesus that may be on your heart** (this could be people in your group, friends at another church, missionaries in another country, etc.).

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[Psalm 139:6-13; Proverbs 30:1-4](#)