

“The Power of Imitation”

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

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Introduction

Main Idea: Paul spoke courageously and lived virtuously, so that we might imitate Jesus by following his example of life.

I. Paul Spoke Courageously (vv.1-6)

Key Takeaway: Live for God’s approval and He will enable you to speak boldly about the truth of Jesus in the face of suffering and opposition.

II. Paul Lived Virtuously (vv.6-12)

Key Takeaway: The gospel message is backed up and validated by gospel living.

- Metaphor #1: an innocent child (v.6)
- Metaphor #2: a nursing mother (vv.7-9)
- Metaphor #3: a compassionate father (vv. 11-12)

III. ...So We Would Imitate Jesus (vv.13-16)

Key Takeaway: Jesus is the ultimate example and one to imitate, who gives his very life to us.