

# Hopeful Perseverance

Acts 17:1-15

Three possible approaches to challenges

\_\_\_\_\_ optimism

\_\_\_\_\_ optimism

\_\_\_\_\_ pessimism

What is the problem with \_\_\_\_\_ optimism?

What is the problem with \_\_\_\_\_ pessimism?

Summary of Paul's experiences in his travels

Beginning:

Outcome:

## Thessalonica

1-4: They proclaimed the \_\_\_\_\_, and many came to \_\_\_\_\_

Explained and \_\_\_\_\_ from Scripture

Focused on Jews and God-fearing Gentiles

Messiah must \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and come to life

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_: suffering was problematic

Psalm 1:6; Deuteronomy 21:22-23

Isaiah 53:10-11

Some of the \_\_\_\_\_ converted

Many \_\_\_\_\_ men and women

5-9: Other \_\_\_\_\_ opposed them; started a \_\_\_\_\_; had to flee

Jealous: perhaps misplaced \_\_\_\_\_ & bad \_\_\_\_\_

Used \_\_\_\_\_ rather than argument

Attacked new \_\_\_\_\_ in Jason's house

"Post bond" is a threat about future \_\_\_\_\_

Paul & Silas \_\_\_\_\_ by night

## Berea

10-12: They proclaimed the \_\_\_\_\_; even more came to \_\_\_\_\_

To the synagogue again: \_\_\_\_\_!

More "\_\_\_\_\_" Jews: eager critical thinking

More \_\_\_\_\_ women and men responded

\_\_\_\_\_ were key to growth of the church

13-15: Thessalonian Jews came to \_\_\_\_\_ them; had to flee

"Court of public \_\_\_\_\_" is not noble

Paul left: he was the '\_\_\_\_\_ rod'

Silas and Timothy continued ministry in \_\_\_\_\_

## The Big Idea

The church and its people  
keep living out their calling boldly

whether the road is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

and whether the responses are

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ exploration, or violent \_\_\_\_\_

At the core of Christianity

We worship and follow a \_\_\_\_\_ Savior  
who rose again

His full glory is visible and fully experienced  
only \_\_\_\_\_ suffering, not \_\_\_\_\_ of suffering

We are called to "take up our \_\_\_\_\_ and follow him"

So our full glory is visible and fully experienced  
only \_\_\_\_\_ suffering, not instead of suffering

2 Thessalonians 1:3-5

## Application

Persevere with a \_\_\_\_\_-filled perseverance

Don't be surprised or panic or complain or give up  
when the road is \_\_\_\_\_

John 16:33; Acts 14:22

God is at work through \_\_\_\_\_ work in Christ  
and where He is at work, we will. see \_\_\_\_\_

With gracious and humble boldness, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as the  
new King of a new Kingdom

In our work and studies

In our relationships

In evangelism

In the church

Pursue \_\_\_\_\_ and what's \_\_\_\_\_, like the Bereans

Rather: seek what helps me \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God more

Seeing and worshiping God brings His \_\_\_\_\_ to life

Even when it involves being humbled and \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 4:19

## Reflection

- How do you tend to approach challenges in life?
- What is a true hope that Christians have for the challenges of life, especially a hope that is not simply naïve optimism?
- What does hope-filled perseverance look like in action?
- What steps can you take to develop a clearer view of God and His ways?