

▼ **The Gospel Takes Root - Part 1**

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▼ **Read the Passage: 1Thessalonians 1:1-10**

- Does this intrigue you? Does this excite you? Wouldn't you like to get results like this?
- Next week we will examine this passage in depth learn how we can do this too.
- This week we're going to take a look at how Paul got here in the first place.

▼ **Definitions**

▼ Faith

- **Pastor James Ryle:**
Faith is the conscious awareness of what meets with God's approval, as revealed to us by the Spirit of God through the Word; and the courageous decision to live within that conviction.
- **From the pastor at one of the churches where David Murrow spoke:**
Faith is trusting God enough to do what he says.
- **Grace (Pastor James Ryle)**
Grace - The empowering presence of God that enables you to be who he has called you to be and to do what he has called you to do
- **Humility (Bishop Joseph Garlington)**
Humility is the God-given self assurance that eliminates the need to prove the rightness of what you do or the worth of who you are
- **Prophecy (Bishop Joseph Garlington)**
Prophecy is a spiritual insight that positions you for success if you obey it.
- **Stronghold (Bishop Joseph Garlington)**
A spiritual stronghold is a mindset impregnated with hopelessness that causes the believer to accept as unchangeable something that we know to be contrary to the will of God.

▼ **How did Paul get here in the first place? - Acts 16:6 - 17:15**

▼ Let God set the agenda; He makes the "waves". - Acts 16:6-10

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▼ Look for an opening. - Acts 16:11-15

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▼ Deal with demonic opposition. - Acts 16:16-18

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▼ Respond to suffering and persecution with prayer and love. - Acts 16:19-34

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▼ Make life easier for the Christians coming after you. - Acts 16:35-40

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▼ Grab the next opportunity. - Acts 17:1-9

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▼ Complete the mission. - Acts 17:10-15

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▼ **Next Week:**

- We'll examine this passage in depth learn how we can do this too.
- We'll teach you how to share a message that other people will spread.

▼ **Next Week's Discussion / Reflection Questions:**

- What's the difference between good news and good advice?
- What is the gospel and how do I share it?
- Has the gospel taken root anywhere around you? How can you tell?