

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for August 17 - 18, 1996**

**"Take a Stand"**

**1 Thessalonians 3:1-13**

Key Verse: 1 Thessalonians 3:8

Key Thought: The very best investment that we can make with our lives is in the spiritual welfare of people. The greatest joy that we can ever experience in life is being privileged to see the return on that investment.

How did Paul help the Thessalonians stand?

He sent them a helper (1 Thessalonians 3:1-10)

To strengthen and encourage (1 Thessalonians 3:2)

To remind them, that suffering is inevitable (1 Thessalonians 3:3-4)

To find out how they were doing (1 Thessalonians 3:5)

Satan's direct attack (Acts 17:1-13)

Satan's indirect attack (1 Thessalonians 3:6)

Report was good news (EUANGELIZO) (1 Thessalonians 3:6)

Because of their faith

Because of their love

Because of their kindly thoughts toward Paul

Because of their desire to see Paul