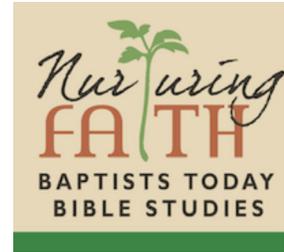


# Youth Teaching Resources

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## A Time for Gratitude

You're All I Have — Ruth 1:1-2:23

An Odd Road to a Happy Ending — Ruth 3:1-4:21

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## Hope Waits

**A Time for Anticipation — 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

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# A Time for Anticipation

## 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

### YOUTH Teaching Guide

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This youth teaching outline is designed to support THE BIBLE LESSON by Tony Cartlege, printed in *Baptists Today*. You can subscribe to either the digital or print edition of *Baptists Today* to access the lessons. Please also ensure that each person in your class has a copy of *Baptists Today* so they can prepare before the lesson.

#### TEACHER PREPARATION: YOUTH AND THIS LESSON

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Living a life of faith is not easy and why we need a community live our faith in. This is why the groups that we form with young people are so important. So much of what our students do comes down to them doing it by themselves, but we have to provide a different atmosphere. We have to create communities where we can celebrate each other as well as help others through times of trouble. We have to be like to Paul to each other, praising what is going well, and calling attention to what needs work. In community we will grow and flourish.

#### TEACHING THE LESSON

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##### Fellowship

Begin your session by showing the clip “That’s What Friends Do” from *Shrek*. If you are unable to show the clip, summarize it to the best of your ability and then facilitate a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) What were Shrek and Donkey fighting over?
- 2) Why does Shrek question why Donkey is back?
- 3) What does Donkey tell Shrek that he needs to hear?
- 4) Why does Donkey say he has come back?
- 5) Do you have someone that will support you when things are good and when they are bad?

## Information

Transition to the next section of the session by reading 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13. Allow the students to ask any initial questions they have about the text. As you answer their questions, you may want to provide some of the information from THE BIBLE LESSON, printed in *Baptists Today*.

When the students have had an opportunity to share their initial thoughts, continue the discussion by facilitating a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) Why was Paul so anxious to get back to Thessalonica?
- 2) How does the faith of the people at Thessalonica help Paul?
- 3) What does Paul refer to in this passage that we need to grow in our own faith?
- 4) What does Paul's prayer at the end of this passage prepare the readers for?
- 5) How does Paul continue to care for the people of Thessalonica when he is so far away?

If your group would like to continue their discussion on this passage, share some of the insights provided in "Digging Deeper" and "The Hardest Question" (NF Online Adult Teaching Guide).

## Transformation

Conclude your time together by leading the group through *Lectio Divina*. At the end of each reading, allow students to share what they have heard before moving on to the next reading. When you have concluded the practice, facilitate a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) How is this passage calling you to action?
- 2) Who is your "Paul" that will both praise you and ask questions of what you are doing?
- 3) How can you be a "Paul" for someone?

Conclude with a prayer thanking God for putting those people in our lives that celebrate with us and keep us on the right track.