



Sun 27th June 2021: *Faith Under Pressure: Standing firm in faith*

On Sunday ODC was meeting across 3 different sites with adults and kids at the Priory Centre, youth at the Opendoor Centre and other people meeting online.

- 1) Chat as a group about how you joined in on Sunday and how this was for you.

Read 1 Thess 3:2-10 and 2 Thess 1:3-4

Paul was delighted to find the church was **standing firm in the Lord** and had truly become established. Notice how many times he mentions **faith** in these passages.

- 2) Why do you think faith was so important to Paul?
- 3) What were some of his concerns about what might have happened to their faith in his absence?

Warren Wiersbe writes, ***“Faith that hasn’t been tested cannot be trusted.”***

- 4) How do you feel about this? How has your faith grown and/or been knocked back over the time where we’ve not been meeting in person?

Read 2 Thess 2:13-17

Ian spoke about 3 things that can help us to stand firm in the Lord and in faith.

- **Believing the truth** as we hold fast to God’s teaching.
- **Holding onto hope** by having an eternal perspective.
- **Welcoming God’s helper** the Holy Spirit.

- 5) Which of these particularly stand out to you as something you need to respond to? How could you do that this week?