

For the week of May 10, 2015
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All of Me

9th week in the series 'Between the Times.'

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

God wants to “sanctify” us for his purposes. How might we go about cooperating with him? Does he do everything, and do we do nothing. Or do we do everything and does he do nothing? The apostle Paul, in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28, recommends a third way. We have a part, and God has a part.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you respond to this quote: “Grace is not opposed to effort; it is opposed to earning” (Dallas Willard)?
2. If you believe in Jesus, how do you think God has “sanctified” you—that is, how do you think has set you aside for his purposes to bless other people?
3. What has been your experience with prayer? Describe your prayer life.
4. How do you think Paul’s commands, grounded in the will of God, to rejoice, pray, and give thanks could encourage you?
5. Respond to this quote: “You do the connecting; God does the perfecting” (Jan Johnson)?