

For the week of May 17, 2015
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Tenacious Through Turmoil

10th week in the series 'Between the Times.'

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

How do you stay faithful when things get tough? In the opening verses of 2 Thessalonians, we read words of comfort to a community who has been tenacious through the turmoil of being persecuted for their faith. They are promised that God will judge righteously in eternity. But for us, in our culture, this brings up questions of God's character. Does a loving God send people to hell? We will wrestle with the theological questions of God's judgment along with the practical issues of being comforted through trial.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who has shown you an example of tenacious faith in Jesus? What have you learned from their example?
2. Why are we so uncomfortable with the idea of God's judgment? React to the statement, "the judgment of God is good news." How is this true?
3. What are some questions that you have about hell? What has helped you to think through the issue?
4. Where do you need to be tenacious in your life right now? How could you see God fulfilling your willingness to stay faithful to Him?