# This Ministry Thing is Intense 1 Thessalonians 3

#### THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

I & II Corinthians

Galatians

**Ephesians** 

Philippians

Colossians

I & II Thessalonians

I & II Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

I & II Peter

I, II, & III John

Jude

Revelation

## Have you ever wondered what it is like to be in ministry?

- I. Ministry is <u>war</u>.
  - A. Way too many people have taken way too many liberties declaring that they are soldiers.
  - B. Paul's ministry experience is a spiritual war.
  - C. Paul's fear: these new disciples have become <u>casualties</u>.

- II. Ministry is personal.
  - A. <u>Satan</u> was standing between us and our <u>joy</u>.
  - B. Fear is a liar, but:
    - It is still a tool in the **Devil's** tool box.
    - In order to cause <u>discouragement</u>.
  - C. Paul confesses that <u>not knowing</u> allowed doubt

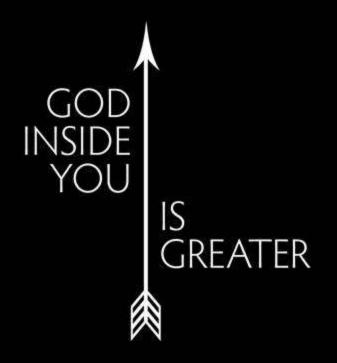
- III. Ministry is intense.
  - A. The lows are <u>lower</u> and the highs <u>higher</u>.
  - B. "You don't know me if you don't know me filled with JOY!"
  - C. Reports like this make the challenges seem small.
  - D. Paul is saying his words are inadequate.

Ministry is not for those who refuse to <u>mature</u>.

When maturity happens, passionate ministry is unleashed.

It is not without <u>pain</u>.

But it is also not without <u>victory</u>.







#### Our mission:

To be a magnet, drawing people who need Jesus to know and grow in him.

REACH · TEACH · CARE · PRAISE · BLAZE

### Prayer Family this Week

Alex, Julie, Tatiana, Micah, and Cristian Kozel



