

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

<u>1 Thessalonians 2:1-8</u> For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery,as you know, nor with a pretext for greed— God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

How Does a Mother's Heart reflect the Heart of the Gospel?

 A Mother is <u>TENDER</u> toward her child <u>Matthew 11:29</u> Jesus is <u>GENTLE</u> to us; His burden is light.

 A Mother <u>LONGS</u> for her child <u>John 14: 1-3 / 17:24</u> Jesus' purpose and desire is that we <u>LIVE WITH HIM.</u> 3. A Mother will <u>GIVE HER LIFE</u> for her child. <u>I John 4:9-10</u> Jesus loves us such that He <u>GAVE HIS LIFE</u> for us. <u>I Corinthians 15:1-3</u>

How has God shown His love for you?

(What are some <u>specific things</u> in your life that display God's love for you?)

How can you show His love to others?

(What are some practical things you <u>WILL</u> do this week to love others with that same love?)

BIBLE READING PLAN

□ Sun.: Gen. 18 □ Mon.: Gen. 19 □ Tues.: Gen. 20

☐ Wed.: Gen. 21 ☐ Thurs.: Gen. 22

☐ Fri.: Gen. 23 ☐ Sat.: Gen. 24 ☐ Sun.: Gen. 25