

ALONETOGETHER

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:8

This is a very personal part of the letter. Obviously, Paul's tone, there was a _____ developed with those in this church.

"brothers and sisters" = *Adelphoi* = a _____ term; a _____ term.

Paul's leaving them was abrupt; the circumstances were _____.

Even in the midst of social distancing, our love for each other can be strengthened by:

1. Looking at the _____

vs. 17 -- Paul refers to a "time".

Paul has in mind a vision of sharing _H_____ with them.

"short time" = for a "S_____"

Paul feels like he's been "_____ " from his family.

Paul makes it through the trauma by looking at **the** _____ - _____. Remember, this time of social distancing is just for "a while".

2. Longing for _____

Vs. 17: "in person, not in thought."

"In person" = "to the _____".

"not in thought" = not in my heart and _____ only.

When we are unable to see someone we love, our longing for _____ with them increases our feelings of love for them.

3:1 "when we could stand it no longer" = stego = a roof; a l_____

Longing for togetherness _____ our _____ for each other.

3. Lining our hearts and minds with _____.

The "crown" = what would be placed on the head of the _____ of an _____ contest.

Trophies usually elicit a sense of great _____ and appropriate _____.

To Paul, the trophy is: _____.