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Stand Firm while Waiting

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

1. Share an example of “fake news” that you have heard. Or you can google “Orson Wells radio broadcast”.

2. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17. What had caused concern amongst the Thessalonian Christians? How did Paul view this “news”?

3. Do you think we will mistake, or ignore, or miss the coming of the Lord? (See 1 Thess 4:13-18)

4. We know little about this man of lawlessness who will precede the coming of Christ, but what will be distinguishing features that may help recognise him (v.4)?

5. How does Satan try to achieve his purposes amongst humankind? See verse 9 and also John 8:44. Give some other examples from Scripture.

6. Read verse 9 and Revelation 13:11-14. Does this (should this) impact how we view miracles today? Discuss.

7. Does this have any implications for our work at sharing the gospel (v.9-12)? Discuss.

8. How does Paul describe “saving faith” in this passage? Is it about feelings or emotions (v.13-14)?

9. What is the “touchstone of truth” in verse 15 that Paul wants the Thessalonians to cling to?

10. What is our “touchstone of truth”? Is it easy to understand? What are the implications of this?

11. What traditions were given to Christians at the start of the church? How can these traditions help us in our Christian life?

12. Pray for each other.