

1 Thessalonians 3:1-5 (ESV)

¹ THEREFORE when

WE could bear it no longer,

WE were willing to be left behind at Athens alone,

² and WE sent Timothy,

our brother and

God's coworker in the gospel of Christ,

to establish and

exhort you in *your faith*,

³ *that* no one be moved by these *afflictions*.

For you yourselves **know** that

WE are destined for this.

⁴ **For** when

WE were with you,

WE kept telling you beforehand that

WE were to *suffer affliction*,

just as it has come to pass, and

just as you know.

⁵ **For** this reason, when

I could bear it no longer,

I sent to learn about *your faith*,

for fear that somehow

the tempter had tempted you and

our labor would be in vain.