



# True Love

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## **1 Thessalonians 3:1-5** (Douglas translation)

Therefore when we couldn't stand it any longer, we determined it best to be left behind by ourselves in Athens, and we sent Timothy, our brother and co-worker for God in the Good News of the King. This was for the purpose of strengthening your internal resolve and strongly encouraging you, specifically in your faithfulness, so that no one would be troubled by these persecutions that you know we are destined for. Also, when we were with you, we declared to you ahead of time that suffering is inevitable. As you know, it happened to us. This is also why I couldn't stand it any longer and sent Timothy. I wanted to determine your allegiance. It mustn't be that somehow the tempter brought you trials that left our work lying in waste.

We must **FOREWARN** the faithful that **TROUBLE** comes.

We must **FORTIFY** the faithful when **TROUBLE** arrives.

We must find the faithful **STEADFAST** as **TROUBLE** rages.