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WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF GOD

Today's Scripture Reading:

1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-12

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Recap

Chapter 1-3

Paul's sharing a pastoral heart of love affirmation and encouragement for the Thessalonians

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Jeremiah 31:33-34: For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

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Genesis 1:27-28: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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- Image Bearers' work is to carry on the work of ruling, creating and using creation for good

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The curse is not work. The curse is that in our work it is burdensome.

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Eph 4:28: Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

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APPLICATION

Mt 22:37-39: And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.



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