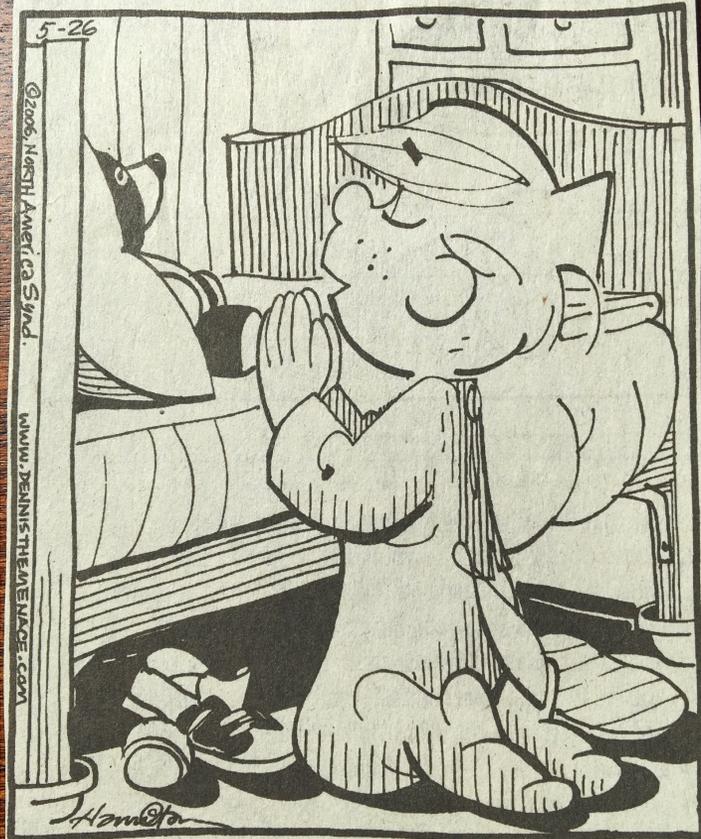


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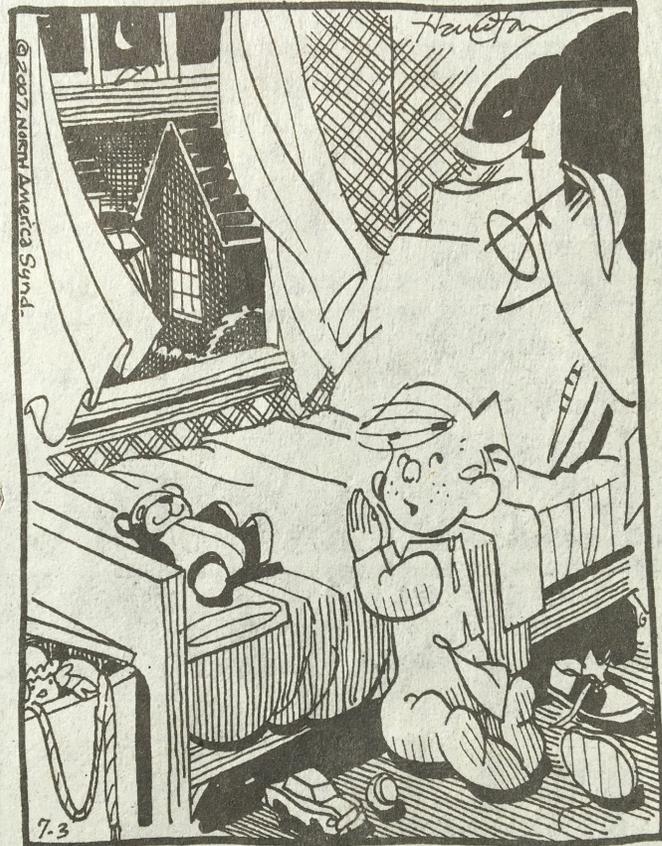
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The Book of 2 Thessalonians



#15 – *Praying with Purpose*
2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

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Thessalonica

Paul's Second Missionary Journey (A.D. 49-51)

Background of 2 Thessalonians

- ***Authors:*** Paul, Silas, & Timothy.
- ***Date:*** c. A.D. 52
- ***Recipients:*** The Church at Thessalonica, which Paul planted during his second missionary journey (c. A.D. 49-51; see *Acts 17:1-9*)
- ***Purpose:*** To *correct false teaching* about the return of Christ and to *encourage faithful and diligent living* until the return of Christ.

Structure of 2 Thessalonians

- **1:1-12** - A pastoral word of comfort
- **2:1-17** - A prophetic word of caution
- **3:1-18** - A practical word of command

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2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

1) Prayer for Proclamation (3:1).

1 Thessalonians 5:25:

Brothers, pray for us.

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1) Prayer for Proclamation (3:1).

Acts 13:47-48 (Quoting Isaiah 49:6):

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” (48) And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

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1) Prayer for Proclamation (3:1).

Colossians 4:3-4:

At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison – (4) that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

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2) Prayer for Protection (3:2-3).

Romans 15:30-31:

I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, (31) that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints.

- *See also Acts 17:5-7; 18:5-6*

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2) Prayer for Protection (3:2-3).

“By praying for the missionaries, the converts were participating in the spread of the gospel ... Praying for Paul’s preservation until his work was completed was tantamount to praying for the prosperity and accomplishment of the work which was entrusted to him.”

- F.F. Bruce

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2) Prayer for Protection (3:2-3).

“There is something deeply moving in the thought of this giant among men asking for the prayers of the Thessalonians who so well recognized their own weakness. Nowhere is Paul’s humility more clear to see.”

- William Barclay

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2) Prayer for Protection (3:2-3).

1 Thessalonians 3:13:

so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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2) Prayer for Protection (3:2-3).

Matthew 6:13:

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
(*“the evil one”*)

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3) Prayer for Perseverance (3:4-5).

Hebrews 10:23:

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

“Prayer precedes movement ...”
“Lord, teach us to pray ...” (Luke 11:1)



- Morning, Midday, Evening prayers
- 5 days a week for 10 weeks.
- ***Begins June 17th***

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Prayer Time:

- 1) Pray for the ***proclamation*** of God's word – that it would “speed ahead and be honored.”
- 2) Pray for the spiritual ***protection*** of those proclaiming God's word and those around your table.
- 3) Pray for ***perseverance*** – “that the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ.”

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- **Next Week:** *2 Thessalonians 3:6-17*
- **2 Thessalonians** is *our reminder to wait well for Christ's return.*
- Have a great week of waiting well.

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