



**NORTHPOINT**  
CHURCH

### IN-PERSON + STREAMING AT NORTHPOINT

Two Sunday services: **in-person**, inside the Worship Center and **live-streaming** on Facebook and YouTube **at 9:00 a.m.**, and **in-person**, inside the Worship Center at **10:45 a.m.**

### PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

- Need to speak or pray with someone after the service? Pastor Tony and our Prayer Team Members will be down in front of the stage to visit with you right after we are dismissed.
- You can also fill out a **Response Card** or **Care Card** at the Information Center in the Foyer. You will be contacted as soon as possible this week.

### PRAYER REQUESTS AT NORTHPOINT

- **General Prayer Requests** — [prayer@northpointcorona.org](mailto:prayer@northpointcorona.org) — for requests that will be emailed to the congregation's Prayer Chain
- **Confidential Prayer Requests** — [confidentialprayer@northpointcorona.org](mailto:confidentialprayer@northpointcorona.org) — for private requests that will be directed to the Leadership Team
- **Need Prayer Today?** — You can pray with someone at the end of this service — prayer team members will be waiting in front of the stage

### LEADERSHIP AT NORTHPOINT

Email the Northpoint Leadership Team at [leadershipteam@northpointcorona.org](mailto:leadershipteam@northpointcorona.org), the Elders at [elders@northpointcorona.org](mailto:elders@northpointcorona.org), or individual Pastors at the following addresses:

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# STANDING FAST [A STUDY THROUGH 1 THESSALONIANS] IN THE LORD



## WELCOME!

We're honored you've decided to spend the morning with us. Please know that we're here to assist you in any way we can with your quest to grow closer to God. Below, you'll find what we'll be doing during today's service. On the right panel, you can get an idea of what happens around Northpoint each week and things we're looking forward to.

## WHAT TO EXPECT THIS MORNING

Today, we'll start by reading a short passage from the Bible to focus our attention on God. We'll sing songs of praise to Him. We'll pray to Him. We'll again read from the Bible. We'll hear a message from God to us from the Bible. Then, we'll sing a closing song.

## TODAY'S FOCUS

This morning, we'll continue a new series in 1 Thessalonians, *Standing Fast in the Lord*. There, we'll see that Paul's heart for the church shines as his underlying motive for ministry is to please the Lord above all, yet he describes ways in which he and Silas served the Thessalonians from beginning to end.

## SERVICE ORDER



SEPT 25, 2022

▲ = When we're **standing** (as you are able)

- Prelude** (*All Creatures of Our God and King*) ————— Worship Band  
**Call to Worship** ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director  
*Psalm 98:1-3*
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation  
*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee + House of the Lord*
- Welcome + Announcements** ————— Woody Armstrong, NP Elder
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation  
*Not I but Through Christ in Me + O Church, Arise (Arise, Shine)*
- Scripture Reading & Prayer** ————— Kathy Rahder, Women's Ministry  
*Psalm 67*
- Special Music** ————— Worship Band  
*Build Your Church*
- Today's Message** ————— Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor  
*You Had Become Very Dear to Us – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-12*  
From the series through 1 Thessalonians: **STANDING FAST IN THE LORD**
- ▲ **Closing Song** ————— Worship Team + Congregation  
*Love the Lord*
- Benediction** ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director  
*1 Peter 4:8-11*
- Postlude** (*Cornerstone*) ————— Worship Band

## WHAT TO DO NOW?

We believe our greatest need is to be connected to God and to His family, the church. Start that by filling out a **Response Card** at the **Information Center** in the Foyer, or by talking to us down front after the service. Want more? Connect through **weekly small groups**, **serving others**, **Sunday school**, and our quarterly **Pizza with the Pastor** gatherings and **membership classes**. Visit [northpointcorona.org/media/get-connected/](http://northpointcorona.org/media/get-connected/) for more.

## THIS WEEK AT NORTHPOINT \*

- Today** ————— Preservice Prayer, 8:00 a.m., Worship Center Prayer Room  
In-person Services at 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. & Live Streaming at 9:00 a.m. on Facebook/YouTube  
Student Ministry (Senior & Junior High) Sunday Gathering, 9:00 a.m., *Off This Week*  
NP KIDS' Sunday School, Birth-6th Grade, 9:00 a.m. (*Dismissed from service during Announcements*)  
Firmly Planted, Adult Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 9:00 a.m., Heritage Hall Overflow Room  
Faith & Friendship, Seniors' Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 10:45 a.m., Commons  
New Tactics Sunday School Class, 10:45 a.m., Heritage Hall  
Revolve (Young Adults), 6:00 p.m., at the Hansons' Home, 1503 Parkridge Ave, Norco, 92860
- Monday** ————— Weekly Prayer Time (Men and Women), 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m., Commons  
Men of the Word (Men's Bible Study and Small Groups), 7:00 p.m., Heritage Hall
- Tuesday** ————— Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 6:00 p.m., Heritage Hall  
Senior High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs
- Wednesday** ————— Men of the Word (Men's Bible Study and Small Groups), 6:30 a.m., Heritage Hall  
Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 9:00 a.m., Heritage Hall
- Thursday** ————— New Parents of Wanderers Class, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., Commons  
Junior High Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs

\* For the latest each week, contact [bbrown@northpointcorona.org](mailto:bbrown@northpointcorona.org) to receive the NP All-Church email, **NP News**.

## LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT \*



**Pizza with the Pastors** (and some leaders!) is a free event where you can ask questions about Northpoint while getting to know our leadership. Join us **TODAY**, at NP, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. RSVP at the Info Center.



The 24th annual **Walk for Life** is **THIS** Saturday, **October 1**, from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. This event raises awareness and funds for the important life-giving work of **Corona Life Services**. Sign up to walk for the Northpoint team **TODAY** at our table in the

Foyer, by scanning the QR code, or online at [walkforlifecorona.org/](http://walkforlifecorona.org/). (Once there, choose "Northpoint" under "Church Attending.")



Sign up as a **Christmas Tea Table Hostess** in the Foyer beginning Sunday, **October 9**! Hostesses get free admission and may purchase up to **5** tickets. Also, **Gentlemen Servers** are needed.



Northpoint is sending a team to serve the people of **Paradise**, California, who lost their homes in the 2018 Camp Fire. You can help our team and the people of Paradise by writing **cards of encouragement** to the displaced families.

You can also help by **raising funds** for our team and the ReachGlobal missionaries in Paradise. Get the details by scanning the QR code.



\* For all that's going on at NP, please visit [northpointcorona.org/this-week/](http://northpointcorona.org/this-week/).

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## ***You Had Become Very Dear to Us***

1 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor

**Overview:** Paul's forced departure from Thessalonica enabled critics of his ministry to question his motives in the attempt to win new believers back to themselves. Paul challenges this narrative by expressing his love for the Thessalonians through the use of familial language—they are his brothers and sisters, and his actions toward them were like a gentle mother and an encouraging father. More directly, Paul defends the integrity of his ministry by appealing to their time together. Negatively stated, he reminded them how he proclaimed the gospel without regard to his own safety or comfort, without any ulterior motives, and without seeking personal or professional gain. Put positively, instead of making demands, he gave himself for them; instead of profiting from them, he provided for himself; and instead of telling them to do what he said, he invited them to do as he did. In short, Paul's driving force in ministry was to please God, and in so doing, he endeared himself to the people of God.

**01. The minister's integrity is inseparable from his ministry. Therefore, ministers must guard their hearts and remain accountable to the congregation.**

**02. The minister's primary responsibility is to please God. Therefore, ministers should neither fear man nor flatter the congregation.**

**03. The minister's position is a sacred trust from God for the congregation. Therefore, ministers should work hard, remain gentle, and exercise authority without becoming authoritative.**

# STANDING FAST IN THE LORD

1. How did Paul's forced departure lead to questions about his motives in ministry? Why was it important for Paul to remind the Thessalonians of what they had seen in his ministry? Do you believe it is wise to follow the ministry of a pastor who is not accessible or whose life is not transparent to those around him?

2. Note the use of familial language Paul uses to refer to the Thessalonians (verses 1, 9). Given the fact that he knew them for such a short time, how does this language point to the new relationship Christians have with one another? Do you view fellow church members as brothers and sisters in Christ? How does this relationship affect how you treat one another?

3. Paul states that he has been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel (verse 4). How important is it for pastors to honor this trust by not changing the gospel? What signs might point to a pastor changing or diluting the gospel in order to win favor with people? What "words of flattery" might a pastor use to grow a church in ways that are inconsistent with the gospel? How important is it for a congregation to know the gospel well enough to ensure that it is not being diluted or de-emphasized?

4. Why is a pastor's integrity inseparable from his ministry? What problems occur when a church ignores character and places more value on the office itself or the success of the pastor? How does lack of integrity lead to abuse of power in the church? See 1Timothy 3 for further insight.

5. Paul's use of mother and father imagery is instructive. What examples from his own ministry does he cite to show he acted like a mother and a father to them? Consider how these images help balance the minister from being too lenient or too harsh on others, as well as joyfully providing for others.

**For Further Reading:** Collin Hansen and Jeff Robinson, eds. *12 Faithful Men: Portraits of Courageous Endurance in Pastoral Ministry* (Crossway, 2018)

# STANDING FAST IN THE LORD

**JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE***Verse 1*

Joyful joyful we adore You  
God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee  
Opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

*Verse 2*

All Thy works with joy surround Thee  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest, vale, and mountain  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee

*Chorus*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*Verse 3*

Mortals join the mighty chorus  
Which the morning stars began  
Father love is reigning o'er us  
Brother love binds man to man  
Ever singing, march we onward  
Victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life

*Chorus*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**HOUSE OF THE LORD**

*Verse 1*

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory yeah

*Chorus*

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

*Verse 2*

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

*Bridge*

We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free

We are forgiven accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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**YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME**

*Verse 1*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

*Verse 2*

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

*Verse 3*

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

*Verse 4*

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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**O CHURCH, ARISE (ARISE, SHINE)**

*Verse 1*

O Church arise and put your armor on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of Truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

*Verse 2*

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

*Chorus*

Arise, shine for your Light has come  
Arise, shine for the risen Son  
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride  
Arise, O Church arise



*Verse 3*

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from his grave  
This victory march continues 'til the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

*Verse 4*

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in Glory

*Chorus*

Arise, shine for your Light has come  
Arise, shine for the risen Son  
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride  
Arise, O Church arise  
(repeat)

**LOVE THE LORD**

*Verse 1*

Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
With all your soul with all your mind  
And with all your strength  
(repeat)

*Chorus*

With all your heart, with all your soul  
With all your mind, with all your strength  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
With all your soul, with all your mind  
And with all your strength

*Verse 2*

I will serve the Lord  
With all my heart with all my soul  
With all my mind and with all my strength  
(repeat)

*Chorus*

With all your heart, with all your soul  
With all your mind, with all your strength  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
With all your soul, with all your mind  
And with all your strength

*Bridge*

I will love You (I will love You)  
I will praise You (I will praise You)  
I will serve You (I will serve You)  
I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

*Chorus*

With all my heart, with all my soul  
With all my mind, with all my strength  
(repeat)

*Verse 1*

I will love You Lord with all my heart  
With all my soul with all my mind  
And with all my strength  
(repeat)