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The God We Love

1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

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STORY TO LIVE

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- 1) As we read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28, we see Paul wrapping up his letter to the Thessalonian church and offering his final thoughts. He begins verse 23 by saying “Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely...” What does sanctify mean? What is God’s role in our sanctification and what is our role? Why is it important to know the difference in our role and God’s role?
- 2) Read 1 Thessalonians 5:24 and consider the instructions that Paul has given us in the Scriptures we’ve studied over the last few weeks. In verses 12-24, we see Paul share this beautiful vision of the local church and how we navigate the three main relationships we have within the church:
  - With our Pastors and leaders - love and respect
  - With each other—admonish, encourage, help and be patient
  - With God - listening to and responding to him

In verse 24 he reminds us that to do all these things well, we need God! He will help us do it! When you struggle with any of these relationships, do you remember to pray for God’s help to relate well, or do you struggle through on your own? How might depending more upon God’s help and guidance change those struggles?
- 3) Do you pray regularly for our leaders here at Compass? Paul asks the church to pray for him. Sometimes we think pastors or leaders are such strong believers they don’t really need our prayers. But they do! Even Paul (especially Paul!) whose powerful faith led him to change the world with the gospel needed prayer. Remember to pray for our pastors and leaders here at Compass as they come to mind !

