

Series: WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN
#1: While Waiting, Use Your 3 Gifts to Press On
1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

*Because of the economy, I feel like in my business
I'm just waiting for something to happen.*

The President said for us to expect a terrorist attack this year.

I feel like I'm holding my breath, just waiting...

*My family--I never know what to expect from one day
to the next. I'm waiting for something to happen.*

If you're waiting for something to happen, welcome to the world of *Thessalonians*. These good people had just come to Christ, and suddenly the future was a scary question mark. They had been left alone--their leader Paul booted out of town only weeks after leading them to Christ. The political powers were persecuting Christians. And Paul had said that Christ could return any moment. What to do? *How do you live while you're waiting for something to happen?*

1. God has given every believer three amazing "gifts of power."
2. Use your gift of Love to produce w_____.
3. Use your gift of Faith to prompt l_____.
4. Use your gift of Hope to inspire en_____.

**Thought: If you're about ready to give up,
isn't it time you pulled out one of the 3 great gifts
that God gave you for just this moment?**