



“And now I am no more in the world,  
but these are in the world...” (John 17:11).

Use this recent news story to help your students see the relevance  
of this week’s lesson from the Standard Lesson Commentary®  
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### **AN INSPIRATION TO DADS EVERYWHERE**

In October, a young dad posted a video of himself and his toddler son dancing to celebrate that the boy was 11 months cancer-free. The son has Down syndrome and was later diagnosed with leukemia, but none of that stopped him and his dad from cavorting for the camera. The video had 13,000 views and counting. The dad is a motivational speaker, and he said of the video that if he and his son can beat cancer, others can do great things, as well. Perhaps the most inspiring part is seeing this dad so obviously loving and having fun with this very special little boy.

### **AN INSPIRATION TO CHURCHES EVERYWHERE**

The Christians in Thessalonica were likewise inspirational to Paul and to churches throughout the Roman Empire. The gospel came to them with power, and they immediately became imitators of Paul and his companions. Despite suffering, their faith flourished, and this devotion set an example for every other church Paul interacted with.

1. What’s the most motivating story you’ve ever heard?
2. Who has been a role model or example to you personally?
3. How do you think churches reacted when Paul told them about the example of the Thessalonian church?

#### **Additional Resources**

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[Commentary on 1 Thessalonians](#)  
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