

“Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling” *A Reputation of Faith and Love* (1:15-17)

Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God’s people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.

Imagine how encouraging the news of their **faith** and **love** was to Paul. He was imprisoned, but the Word that he had shared with the saints at Ephesus for 3 years (Acts 19-21) was not imprisoned, and it was clear that it was authentic and reproducing! Although he had not seen the Ephesians face to face for about 8-10 years, Paul had heard about their **faith** and **love**, attitudes and action which indicated the genuineness of their salvation.

3 John 1:2-4

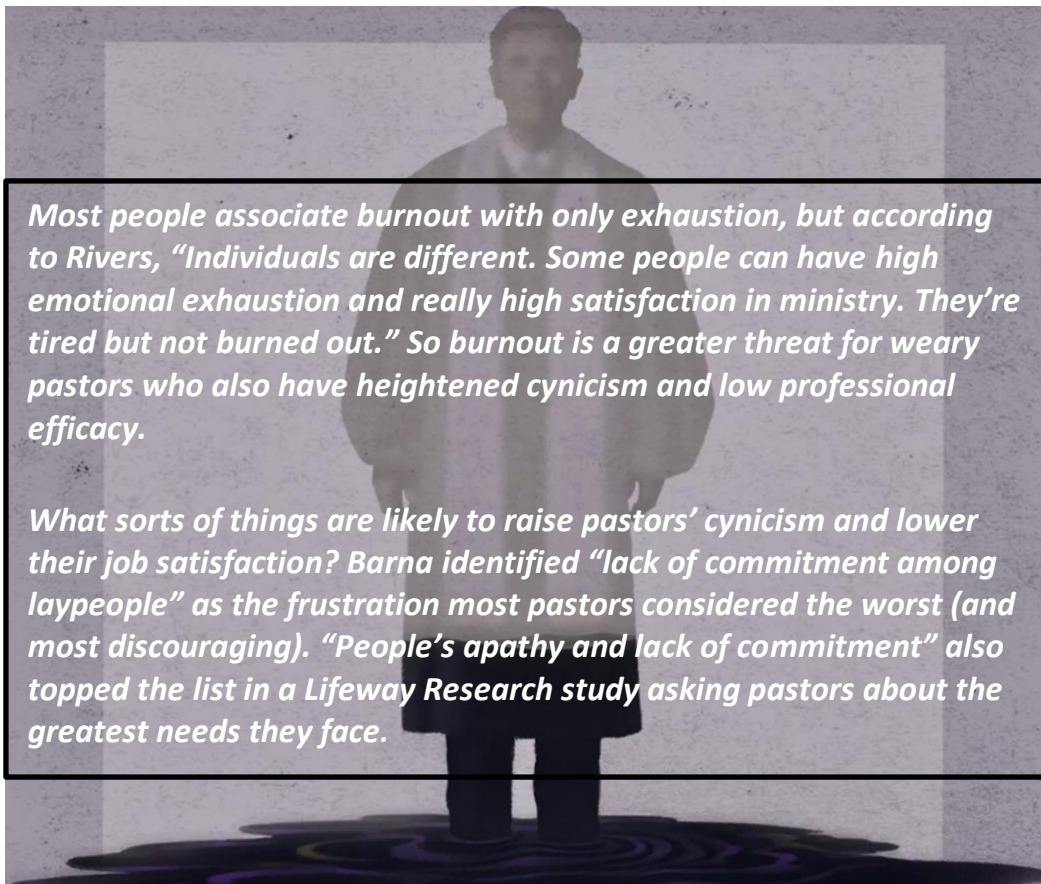
Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit. ³Some of the traveling teachers recently returned and made me very happy by telling me about your faithfulness and that you are living according to the truth. **I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth.**

2 Timothy 3:1-5

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. ²For people will love only themselves and their money...They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

[Christianity Today Article](#) (April 19, 2022)

“Our Pulpits Are Full of Empty Preachers”



How Can People See & Be Encouraged By Your Faith & Love?

1. Presence

(See **Hebrews 10:24-25**)

2. Testimony of Thanks & Trust

Rev. 12:10-11

“Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers *and sisters* has been thrown down, the one who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and **because of the word of their testimony...**”

- **God Stories** (See **Luke 22:31-32**)

3. Intentional Awareness & Continual Investment in Others

John 13:35

“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

Matthew 24:12-13

There will be more and more evil in the world, so **most people will stop showing their love for each other.** But those people who keep their faith until the end will be saved.

Revelation 2:1-5

“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands: “I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don’t tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. ³You have patiently suffered for me without quitting.⁴“But I have this complaint against you. **You don’t love me or each other as you did at first!** ⁵Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches.”

4. The More Deeply You Know God, The More Deeply Your Faith and Love Will Encourage and Bless Others

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