

Direction - Part 6  
I'll Be Back  
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- I'll Be Back So...
- What to do while you're waiting

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-2, 12-22 (ESV) Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.*

*We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.*

**I'll Be Back So:**

1st) Don't Be **SURPRISED**.

*1 Thess. 5:2 (ESV) For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.*

- There will be no mistaking it

*1 Thess. 5:3 (ESV) While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.*

*John 14:2-4 (NIV) My Father's houses has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.<sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going."*

- It's up to her
- Insula - A large multi-family dwelling
- Describing heaven in a way they could all understand.

2nd) Seek **PEACE**.

*1 Thessalonians 5:13b (ESV) Be at peace among yourselves.*

- Everybody's weird
- As is
- These are damaged goods
- Highly irregular
- We're not going to tell you where the flaw is - you're going to have to look for it and when you find it...and you will...don't coming whining to us because we told you
- Slightly irregular, i.e. broken
- Oh, everybody wants one of those
- There's no such thing, dear
- There is almost no one who has not harbored secret doubts about his or her normality

**LEARN** to live in community

- Connection - The sense of being part of something that matters, something larger than ourselves.
- Shalom - The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight
- Thy Kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
- Every time you forgive - every time you serve - every time you give - your bringing God's kingdom to earth

3rd) Keep Each Other In The **GAME**.

*1 Thessalonians 5:14 (ESV) And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:14 (Amp) We [earnestly] urge you, believers, admonish those who are out of line [the undisciplined, the unruly, the disorderly], encourage the timid [who lack spiritual courage], help the [spiritually] weak, be very patient with everyone [always controlling your temper].*

- Influence
- Using your gifts and abilities to influence others in a positive way
- We are both leaders and followers depending on the situation
- You have influence in this world but realizing your potential as an influencer is for you to navigate
- Jesus influences us so we can influence others

4th) Rise **ABOVE**.

*1 Thessalonians 5:15 (ESV) See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.*

- This is the most supernatural part of Christianity
- The Holy Spirit can help me:

**RESIST** things I can't normally resist.

*1 Cor. 15:56(NKJV) The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.*

- Do nots lead to donuts!
- This really is about training not trying

*Romans 12:2 (NIV) Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

*Gal. 5:16-17 (NKJV) I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.*

- The Holy Spirit's power is stronger than willpower.
- *I learned long ago, never to wrestle with a pig. You get dirty, and besides, the pig likes it.*

*Phil. 1:9 (ERV) This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love;*