

God's will for you [1 Thessalonians 5.16-18]

*We live in times where things definitely aren't the way they are supposed to be. Living life can be a struggle, especially living in the way of Jesus in a culture that seems more and more opposed to it every day. Paul writes this letter to encourage the church to be a people of hope in the in-between. Paul reminds us that the church that receives the gospel must pass it on and embody it in faith, love and hope.*

rejoice, v16

always

the grace factor

pray, v17

rethinking prayer

continually

give thanks, v18

in the midst

the grace factor

the re-sult, v18

re-

peace, vv13, 23

God's will

What are you choosing?

How are you doing this in community?

Memorize this-

*Do not forget to rejoice, for hope is always just around the corner. Hold up through the hard times that are coming, and devote yourselves to prayer.*

--Romans 12.12 (the Voice)

moving forward:

These are practices-we have to keep doing them until they become a part of us.

What are some ways you will choose to practice joy and celebration? Personally? With others?

What are some ways you will chose to develop a life of prayerfulness? Personally? With others?

What are some ways you will choose to practice gratitude? Personally? With others?

