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## build homework

DUE: February 23, 2013

### **D1: My heart... His Word (Psalm 119).**

- Read Psalm 119:65-72.
- Make a list of the synonyms for God's Word in 119:65-72. Is there a verse in this section that does NOT mention God's word?
- What are the two requests in this portion of Psalm 119 (hint: they are both the same or similar)? When was the last time you requested from something similar?
- What does the Psalmist confess his life was like before "affliction" came upon him, 119:67? What effect did affliction have on him according to this verse? Do you ever think of affliction or suffering serving such a purpose in your life? Why or why not?
- As he looks back on the "affliction" in his life, what can he say now, 119:71? What needs to change in the way that you view "affliction" or suffering in your life?
- Write a prayer to God that expresses what you have learned in this Psalm about suffering and what it can produce in your life.

***D3: The Ministry – The example of Paul, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (Part 2)***  
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Q: What would happen to your ministry if the gospel is not central in your relationships, 2:1?

Q: Do you now have people in your sights and prayers in regards to the gospel? If not, who will be?

Q: Do you need to prayerfully address any fear or lack of boldness that comes as a result of opposition to the gospel?

Q: How much trouble exists in your relationships because of the gospel, 2:2? What might be some reasons for the absence of trouble in our relationships?

Q: What needs to happen daily to increase your God-given boldness to speak the gospel, 2:2?

Q: How well are you, not only assessing the spiritual level of another, but then gently stepping to their level to build them up, 2:7? Are there currently any new believers or 'not-yet-believers' in your life to step into?

Q: How is our effectiveness with the gospel impacted by the level (or absence) of affection for others, 2:8? Are there any relationships in which your love must be rekindled? How do you rekindle your affection for someone?

Q: Can you recall how an older, wiser believer personally made sacrifices so you could keep growing in the gospel, 2:9? For whom will you seek to do the same?

Q: How would you rate your own life on this combination (proclamation – incarnation/demonstration)? Where are you strong? Where are you weak? Why have you become weak there? What must happen to become stronger in that area?

Q: How would you rate our church on his combination (proclamation – incarnation/demonstration)? Where are we strong? Where are we weak? Why have we become weak there? What must happen to become stronger in that area?