

Strengthening Hearts - #7 – Strengthened in Hope

Connecting to the Context:

- Different: Sanctity (4:1-8)
- Different: Productive, focused, quiet (4:9-12)
- Different: Because of the future (4:13-18)
- Different: Because of his coming. (5:1-11)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- V 13
- V 14
- V 15
- V 16
- V 17
- V 18

Take Away Thoughts:

1. The future of the believer is guaranteed presence with the Lord forever.
2. Death is not an end but a transition.

MLK Jr: *"I hope you find some consolation from Christianity's affirmation that death is not the end. Death is not the period of the great sentence of life, but a comma that punctuates it to a more lofty significance. Death is not a blind alley that leads the human race into a state of nothingness, but an open door which leads man into life eternal. Let this daring faith, this great invincible surmise, be your sustaining power during these trying days."*

3. What we know of the future shapes how we live in the present.
4. Encourage each other with this news.

Looking Ahead: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

How often is the return of Jesus on your mind? In your conversations?