

1 Thess 5:11 Therefore encourage one another Fintry, 21/8/2011, pm

- (Read vs. 1-11)
- Paul saw that truth expressed would encourage:
 - here they are worried about dying and what happens to those who have died...
 - Paul explains the truth, and encourages them to encourage one another by telling truth about God - 4:18, 5:11
- *Video: truth gives a true perspective*
 - without that true perspective we will make mistakes
- That true perspective needs to be articulated, expressed, spoken out, checked
 - if you have learned something of God, it won't do me much good if it is only in your head/heart!
 - and it actually won't do you much good if its only in your head/heart - one of the dangers of being a "well fed" Christian is of getting spiritually fat and lazy...
- *Paul doesn't say: "Pastors, encourage your congregation"*
 - what have you done this summer?
 - what has encouraged you in your walk with God?
 - how have you seen him at work?
 - camp, Keswick, CLAN, visiting another church...
 - holiday, reading, experience, some other person - Christian or not...