Text:  *(1 Thessalonians 3:8 NKJ)* *For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.*

I. **Paul Practicing What He Preached**
   
   A. In Philippi
      1. He was beaten and imprisoned for delivering a slave girl
      2. He and Silas were praying and singing praises
      3. Paul gives us some insight as to his unshaken perspective  *(2 Timothy 1:12 NKJ)*
         a. The Christian faith is more about who than what - faith in a person
   
   B. Through a major storm  *(Acts 27:20-26 NKJ)*
      1. Paul had a perception of impending doom about the trip  *(Acts 27:10 NKJ)*
      2. Everyone had given up hope
      3. Paul takes a new perspective in the storm
         a. His mission was more important than his comfort
         b. Problems did not move him (cause him to be shaken)
         c. Not wrapped up in his own life
         d. His perspective opened the door to his finishing with joy and completing his received ministry
   
   C. The value of vision  *(Proverbs 29:18 NIV)*
      1. Not just a vision of what you are to do, but a revelation of who you are
      2. Paul encouraged the people to live worthy of God  *(1 Thessalonians 2:12 NKJ)*
         a. His message was - live different because we are different