

A dark, textured background, possibly a stone or concrete wall, with a large, dark cross on the left side. The cross is made of two thick, dark bars. The background has a mottled appearance with various shades of brown, black, and grey, suggesting a rough, weathered surface. The lighting is dramatic, with a bright spot on the right side of the wall.

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The Truth About  
Trouble**



***1 Thessalonians 2:17-18***

***But, brothers, when we were torn away from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you. <sup>18</sup> For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan stopped us.***





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*Mark 1:9-13*

*At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan.*





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- No one will escape the consequences.
- Satan is relentless.
  - Bind us in sin.
  - Convince us to quit.
  - Settle for mediocrity.
  - Beat us down.
  - Divide His church.
  - Turn disappointment into rebellion.





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- Train us to stand together (1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5).





How goes the battle?

