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(1 Thess. 3:7-13)



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Perhaps a good prayer request for us would be, *"Lord, search my heart and know my heart* (Psalm 139:23-24) *and show me those areas of my life where I am not trusting You as I should."* Maybe it's in the area of finances or health. Perhaps I need to trust the Lord more when it comes to relationships with family members, coworkers or others. Maybe I need to trust the Lord more when it comes to having boldness to share the gospel with others. *"Lord, perfect that which is lacking in my faith that I may love and trust you more."*

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