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Chapter 2. You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. Verse 2. You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News

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to you boldly, in spite of great opposition. Verse 3. So you can see were not preaching with any deceit or impure motives or trickery. Verse 4. For we speak as messengers approved by God



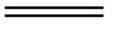




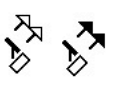
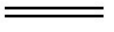










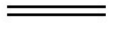















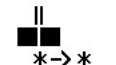
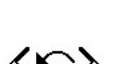



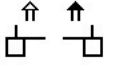












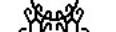


















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to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. Verse 5. Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money!

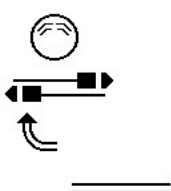
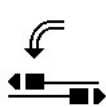
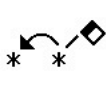


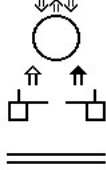
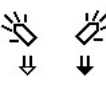
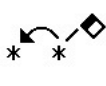
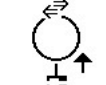




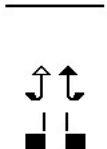



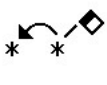
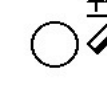




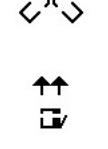
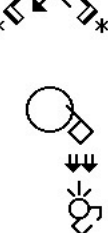

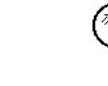

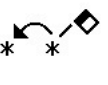




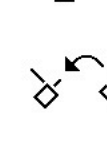






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Verse 6. As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else. Verse 7. As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we

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were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. Verse 8. We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too. Verse 9. Don't you remember, dear brothers and sisters, how hard we worked among you?
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Night and day we toiled to earn a living so that we would not be a burden to any of you as we preached God's Good News to you. Verse 10. You yourselves are our witnesses -- and so is God -- that we were devout and honest and faultless toward all of you believers.

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you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God -- which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe. Verse 14. And then, dear brothers and sisters, you suffered persecution from your


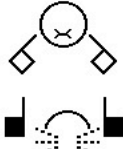








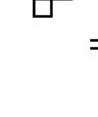







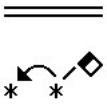



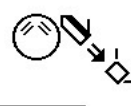

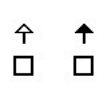
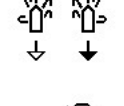








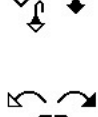





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own countrymen. In this way, you imitated the believers in God's churches in Judea who, because of their belief in Christ Jesus, suffered from their own people, the Jews. Verse 15. For some of the Jews killed the prophets, NLT

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and some even killed the Lord Jesus. Now they have persecuted us, too. They fail to please God and work against all humanity Verse 16. as they try to keep us from preaching the Good News of salvation to the Gentiles. By doing this, they continue to pile up their sins.

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But the anger of God has caught up with them at last. Verse 17. Dear brothers and sisters, after we were separated from you for a little while (though our hearts never left you), we tried very hard to come back because of our intense longing to see you again. Verse 18. We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, NLT

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19 but Satan prevented us. Verse 19. After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? It is you! Verse 20. Yes, you are our pride and joy. NLT