Let's Be Unstoppable in 2024! Unstoppable, Pt. 1 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 January 7, 2024

<u>1 Thessalonians 1:1, Paul, Silas</u> and <u>Timothy</u>, To the church of the <u>Thessalonians</u> in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <u>Grace</u> and <u>peace</u> to you. **2** We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. **3** We remember before our God and Father your <u>work</u> produced by <u>faith</u>, your <u>labor</u> prompted by <u>love</u>, and your <u>endurance</u> inspired by <u>hope</u> in our Lord Jesus Christ.

To Be Unstoppable in 2024, We Must Remember...

1. Who <u>WE</u> Are

<u>1 Thessalonians 1:1</u>, Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the <u>church</u> of the Thessalonians <u>in God the Father and</u> <u>the Lord Jesus Christ</u>: Grace and peace to you. **2** We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.

<u>2 Thessalonians 1:4</u>, Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

2. Our Faith Makes Us WORK

<u>1 Thessalonians 1:3,</u> We remember before our God and Father <u>your work produced by faith</u>...

James 2:17, In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

3. Our Love Makes Us LABOR

<u>1 Thessalonians 1:3,</u> We remember before our God and Father... <u>your labor prompted by love</u>,

<u>I Corinthians 13:1</u>, If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing... 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

4. Our Hope Gives Us INSPIRATION

<u>1 Thessalonians 1:3</u>, We remember before our God and Father ... <u>endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus</u> <u>Christ</u>.

Romans 15:4, For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

James 1:3, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

<u>2 Timothy 3:10</u>, You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,