

# SCRIPT: Janice and Becky's phone call

## *(based on 1 Thessalonians 2:1–12)*

**Janice:** Hi, Becky! It's Janice. I'm calling to hear about the big meeting where the apostle Paul was guest speaker. I'm so sorry I missed it! Please tell me all about it!

**Becky:** Thanks for calling, Janice. We missed you! The main thing I remember after hearing Paul is how real and honest he is.

**Janice:** What do you mean?

**Becky:** Paul told us he started a church in Thessalonica and wrote to the Christians there. Remember the two books of Thessalonians in the New Testament? They are Paul's letters to encourage the church. Yesterday, he talked about the first book.

**Janice:** Well, Paul is a very important man. I guess he told you all about the great things he did in his life.

**Becky:** Oh, no, not at all. He told us about himself but not the great things he did. He told the people he kept no secrets, didn't have hidden plans, wasn't trying to be their boss. He said he spoke only to encourage them and to please God.

**Janice:** Hey, wait a minute! Didn't Paul persecute Christians before he became a Christian? I know they were afraid of him!

**Becky:** Yes, but he's a changed man—a new person! In fact, he told how much he loves the church and treats them like a mother and father treat their children. I took notes. Listen to this! He said, "With each of you we were like a father with his child, holding your hand, whispering encouragement, showing you step-by-step how to live well before God."<sup>1</sup>

**Janice:** So . . . what did he say? How are we supposed to live for God?

**Becky:** Paul said to be real and honest with other people. Encourage them. Never pretend to be perfect. Share our struggles with others. Let our actions show who we really are. Be gentle. Paul is strong enough to make tents for a living, but he is also gentle.

**Janice:** That's a lot to think about. I'm not sure I can remember it all.

**Becky:** I know what you mean. But you can read about it in 1 Thessalonians 2:1–12. It's all written there—and more! Maybe we should have a Bible study together soon.

**Janice:** Yes, a Bible study is a great idea. Oh, I forgot to ask! Are you going to the missions meeting today? It's about missionaries in Phoenix.

**Becky:** Yes, I plan to be there. It will be interesting!

**Janice:** See you then. Bye!

Becky: OK, bye!

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