1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 ESVUK

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "There is peace and security", then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children[b] of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁶ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁶ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹o who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

God's blueprint for authentic life

Light in darkness
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

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2. Live in the present in light of the future v4-8

3. The past has secured the future v9-11

Conclusion

- a) The true 'progressives'
- b) Wakefulness
- c) Self-control
- d) The gospel

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- Knowing that the 'clocks have changed', what aspect of my life requires self-control?
- If I am in danger of nodding off, what do I need to wake me up?

Next week: 1 Thessalonians 5:12–28, Peace and purity, William Taylor