



## Transformed By the Truth – Through Love

When Elizabeth Barrett became the wife of Robert Browning, her parents disowned her because they disapproved of the marriage. Their daughter, however, wrote almost every week, telling them that she loved them and longed for reconciliation. After 10 years she received a huge box in the mail that contained all the notes she had sent. Not one had been opened! Although these “love letters” have become an invaluable part of classical English literature, it’s really pathetic to think that they were never read by Elizabeth Barrett’s parents. Had they looked at just one, the broken relationship with their daughter might have been healed.

All of us are alienated from God because of sin. But He has provided a way of reconciliation. In the Bible He tells about it, and also expresses His earnest longing for fellowship with us. How precious His love message from Heaven ought to be to you!

Source: The Internet

### Scripture

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

### Discovery Questions

1. Verse 14 says “He called you to this through our gospel”. How do I listen to that calling when I read His word?
2. Verse 15 tells the “brothers to stand firm and hold to the teaching”. Do I stand firm in God’s word? Do I hold to the truths that I have learned?

3. Recall a time when a passage of scripture has lifted me up during a difficult time.
4. Am I being an encouragement to those around me?

### Journaling

Which verse spoke most powerfully to you? Why?

**Prayer:** Spend some time in prayer conversing with your God. Use the following ideas as a potential guide to your prayer time.

- Pray that you use God’s “love letters” to draw you closer to Him.
- Pray that He increases your desire to be with Him in His word.
- Pray that the love you develop through your time in His word is passed on to those around you.
- Pray for the strength to stand firm on His word.