

**10 November 1013 – 25 Sunday after Pentecost.**

**Readings:** Job 19:23–27a; Psalm 17:1–9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17; Luke 20:27–38.

**Theme: *Mentoring 101*** – 2 Thess. 2:15, “So then, brothers and sisters, **stand firm** and **hold fast** to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.”



**INTRO: *mentor*** – an experienced and trusted advisor [*Mentor* in Homer’s *Odyssey*] - Australian Oxford Dictionary.

In his old age Mentor was a friend of Odysseus who placed Mentor in charge of his son Telemachus, when Odysseus left for the Trojan War. Because of Mentor's relationship with Telemachus, the personal name *Mentor* has been adopted in English as a term meaning someone who imparts wisdom to and shares knowledge with a less experienced colleague.



## **I. STAND FIRM (IN THE GOSPEL).**

“they remind us that it’s all by God’s grace that we are saved”

**2 Thessalonians 2:15**, “So then, brothers and sisters, **stand firm...**”

**Galatians 1:6**, “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—”

**1 Corinthians 15:1**, “Now, brothers and sisters, **I want to remind you of the gospel** I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your **stand.**”

**Questions:** “Who’s reminding you?” “Who are you reminding?”



## II. HOLD FAST (TO THE TRUTH).

“Mentors **guide us in the truth** so we are not led astray by the temptations and false teachings of this world...”

**2 Thessalonians 2:15**, “Stand firm and **hold fast to the teachings** we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.”

**2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17**, “we ask you, brothers and sisters, **not to become easily unsettled or alarmed** by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter...”

**2 Thessalonians 2:10**, “They perish because they refused to **love the truth** and so be saved.”

**Questions:** “Who’s correcting/challenging you?” “Who are you...?”



## III. SHARE THE GLORY.

**2 Thessalonians 2:14**, “He called you to this through our gospel that you might **share** in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**3 John 4**, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”

**Questions:** “Who’s cheering you?” “Who are you cheering?”



**CONCLUSION:** Thank God for our mentors! May we become the same for others, in Jesus’ name. Amen. – Pastor Aldi ☺