Prior to Paul's prayer:

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Team joy → thankful prayer

(v. 9)

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Team prayer re: "the gaps"

(vv. 10 - 11)

Paul's prayer:

A growing love → a core of holiness

(vv. 12 - 13)

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"And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will become cold."

Matthew 24:12

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