When our love for others grows, the Lord uses that to strengthen our spiritual core in holiness, making us ready for His return.

#### A General Quasi-Command

(vv. 1 - 2)

#### sanctification / holiness:

a state or status, or a process

# "the box"

...that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor...

1 Thessalonians 4:4 (ESV)

No one should take advantage of or exploit other believers that way.

1 Thessalonians 4:6 (GWT)

## A Very Specific Warning

(v. 8)

Generally, we've been called to please God with our lives and have a growing holiness, but especially in the area of our sexuality.

#### Our holiness is God's will, so:

Stay away from things outside "the box."

Know how to control your own body.

Don't take advantage or exploit sexually.

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