Scripture

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (NIV)

2:9 Surely you remember, brothers and sisters,
our toil and hardship; we worked night and day
in order not to be a burden to anyone while we
preached the gospel of God to you. **10** You are
witnesses, and so is God, of how holy,
righteous and blameless we were among you
who believed. **11** For you know that we dealt
with each of you as a father deals with his own
children, **12** encouraging, comforting and
urging you to live lives worthy of God, who
calls you into his kingdom and glory.

13 And we also thank God continually because,
when you received the word of God, which you
heard from us, you accepted it not as a human
word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which
is indeed at work in you who believe.