1 Thessalonians 3:1-5

3 So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be
left by ourselves in Athens. 2 We sent Timothy, who is our
brother and co-worker in God's service in spreading the gospel
of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, 3 so
that no one would be unsettled by these trials. For you know
quite well that we are destined for them. 4 In fact, when we
were with you, we kept telling you that we would be
persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know. 5 For
this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out
about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter
had tempted you and that our labors might have been in vain.