HOW CAN WE DO WHAT GOD SAYS?

FOCUSING ON GOD'S PROMISE TO COMPLETE HIS WORK IN US **ENCOURAGES US TO YIELD TO HIS CURRENT WORK IN US**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

- I. REALIZE SANCTIFICATION IS GOD'S WORK AND HE WILL COMPLETE IT IN US: God Himself will finish the job of making us like Jesus and we will thus be completely blameless in His Presence (23)
 - Α. The God of peace Himself is the one who sanctifies us (23a)
 - B. God will personally sanctify us through and through, making us holy and wholly like Jesus (23a)
 - C. Our entire being (material, immaterial, every part), will be kept completely blameless when He comes (23b)
- REALIZE OUR COMPLETE SANCTIFICATION IS BASED ON HIS FAITHFULNESS II. AND POWER not ours: FAITHFUL IS HE WHO CALLS YOU AND HE ALSO WILL DO IT (24)
 - Α. Our sanctification is not done by us, but rather a faithful God who calls us (24a)
 - B. Because He is faithful, He also will do it!!! (24b)
- III. SO, IF HE DOES IT ALL, WHAT AM I TO DO?
 - Α. Yield...renewing your mind, allowing Him through His Word to change your heart: He is working on us now and He will complete the work!
 - B. Yield...not relying on self, but trusting in Him completely to do it
 - C. Yield...personally obeying Him, as you trust Him completely
 - D. Yield...confessing when you fail and walk in forgiveness