

Teaching Series: 2 Timothy  
Passage: 2 Timothy 4:14-22  
Title: The Lord Stood by Me

Summary: In our passage today the apostle Paul will say, “But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me”. Join us as we see the promise to Paul is the same promise to us, and how this promise greatly reflects the heart of God in a deep personal way to each of us.

*2 Timothy 4:14–22 (NKJV)* <sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. <sup>15</sup> You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words. <sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. <sup>18</sup> And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen! <sup>19</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. <sup>20</sup> Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick. <sup>21</sup> Do your utmost to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, as well as Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren. <sup>22</sup> The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

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### Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

*Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)* <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

### In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

*Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)* <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### The Lord Stood by Me: When Others Came Against Me (4:14-15)

**(2 Timothy 4:14 NKJV) Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.**

**(2 Timothy 4:15 NKJV) You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.**

When others came against Paul, and you, we see God stood, and stands, with Paul, and you.

Verse 14 and 15. Alexander the coppersmith is possibly mentioned in 1 Timothy 1, verse 20, as he speaks of a man named Alexander, who blasphemed and was turned over to Satan to learn not to blaspheme. We see correlation here with our verse 15,

blasphemy and here greatly resisting the word. And both of them insult the holiness of God and the nature and character of God. I don't believe there's a verse or a word of God better said that when we challenge it and resist it, that it's not an insult to the holiness of God, because we're literally saying, "I reject your wisdom. And I also reject your purity and holiness."

*1 Timothy 1:18–20 (NKJV) <sup>18</sup> This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, <sup>19</sup> having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, <sup>20</sup> of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.*

But notice the context back in first Timothy 1, chapter one, verse 18-20. Again, we see wage a good warfare. So here we see again, the continual theme of the soldier analogy. Paul continually weaves these analogies (soldier – athlete -farmer) into the context of difficulties, because walking and serving the Lord is difficult, people will come against us, the devil will be lurking like a roaring lion, because it is all about people..... reaching them with the Gospel. But some, don't want the Gospel, they want the present world, and Satan will use them to come against the work of the Gospel.

*2 Timothy 2:3–6 (NKJV) <sup>3</sup> You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. <sup>5</sup> And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops.*

And as you look at verse 16, there's possibly a tie-in here that we're not actually transitioning into a new thought, but we're already into the new thought of transitioning here. Speaking of Alexander, the coppersmith. And what I mean by that is that, speaking of Paul's first trial, that possibly Alexander the coppersmith testified against Paul with blasphemous lying words that resisted the truth of Paul's word that he was preaching.

*2 Timothy 4:16 (NKJV) <sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.*

Now notice, Paul said the Lord repay him. Not Paul repay him, not Timothy repay him for me since I'm in prison. No. Paul did not see that his role was the role of repayment, because repayment is judgment that seeks payment. Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth. But Paul does say to Timothy, "Be aware of him. I'm not seeking payment, but I am sending protection. Don't let him into your circle. He hurts people. And so you need to protect the people and yourself from him." And here we see there's a place for that in the church, to call out by name those who hurt the church.

Christian, don't get into the repayment business, else you be consumed by it. I know people, all appearances of being believers, who spend their whole life seeking "repayment" (aka – revenge) upon those that hurt them, and what I see is they never go deeper in Christ and the spiritual things, rather they only go deeper in fleshly things, and become more carnally minded.

Verse 14-15. Alexander Coppersmith, words don't phase or consume Paul. And Job's three great counselors, they get Job into a cycle of frustration with them, and he gets frustrated with God. Job was upset with man. But they were not spiritual words. They were foolish, presumptuous words. Christian, you don't have to respond to foolish words of man, else you will find yourself getting spun up with them, yourself, and God personally, God the Lord. Simply ask, "Is there any truth here?" And if, yes, that may apply. But if no, let them not stick to me.

*Job 13:1-5 (NKJV)* <sup>1</sup> "Behold, my eye has seen all this, My ear has heard and understood it. <sup>2</sup> What you know, I also know; I am not inferior to you. <sup>3</sup> But I would speak to the Almighty, And I desire to reason with God. <sup>4</sup> But you forgers of lies, You are all worthless physicians. <sup>5</sup> Oh, that you would be silent, And it would be your wisdom!

### **The Lord Stood by Me: When I Was All Alone (4:16-17)**

**(2 Timothy 4:16 NKJV) At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.**

**(2 Timothy 4:17 NKJV) But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.**

**(2 Timothy 4:18 NKJV) And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!**

So we read in this section, as people came against Paul, as people left Paul, and Paul was isolated, the Lord stood beside Paul, and so too will He stand next to us, even if all forsake us.

You know how, when we go through hard times, we wonder if we're being judged because we're in sin that's unconfessed or unrecognized, or a situation we're in is that God is judging us for something wrong in our lives that we don't recognize? I give thanks to the Lord that He reveals things such as this for us, because Paul gives us an example and such a great answer for all of us. As in, do you notice Paul never struggled with if he was in sin, if all the ills and situations that he was in was God judging him, or he was in some type of unrepentant sin? As we read Paul, we read total confidence. We don't read doubt. We don't read questioning. We don't read bad theology. We read a man who was sure that he was sure.

What we read of Paul are keys to being a soldier and athlete and a farmer, things that we must be sure that we're sure of, that we can't live in the washing machine of doubt, the ups and downs of the questioning, if there's something that's undealt with. And Paul gives us a key, and I'll give you three of those keys, of why Paul could be sure that he was sure, that he didn't struggle if he was in some type of condemnation by the Lord, because he was imprisoned, and he was in such extreme situation as he was.

First, Paul had a word he was standing on. God had given him a word that he was chosen. God had given him a prophetic word that he would suffer many hard things for his name. And Paul stood on that word, and it gave him strength when the hard time came upon him. And how important it is for us to have a word to stand on before we make life decisions, before we're in the midst of a circumstance that can leave us questioning and wandering.

2 Timothy, 1:1. Paul, an apostle by the will of God

*2 Timothy 1:1 (NKJV)* <sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

*Acts 9:15-16 (NKJV)* <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

Secondly, Paul knew the nature and heart of his God. He knew that God was good. He knew that God loved him. He knew that God stood with him as we study today, that he

never stood alone. And so important for us to just sit and be still. That's even being still from all the noise. We should have a time of worship in our daily prayer time. We should have a time of the word in our daily prayer time. We should have a time of praying and interceding for others, and praying and putting petitions before God regarding ourselves. But so vital that we just have a time of waiting on the Lord, being quiet and being still. And Psalm 46:10, applying, "Be still and know that I am God."

*Psalm 46:10 (NKJV)* <sup>10</sup> Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

2 Timothy, 2:11-13. He knows God's faithfulness.

*2 Timothy 2:11-13 (NKJV)* <sup>11</sup> This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. <sup>12</sup> If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. <sup>13</sup> If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Thirdly, Paul examined his heart daily, and he did this through the word that he had a passion for. As we ended last week with him saying, "When you come, bring the parchments. Bring the scriptures, that I might study that word." It was his passion. And he used that word to examine his heart. He used that word to keep him right with the Lord, because the Bible says that the word of God is a cleansing agent. How can a man cleanse his ways, we're told Psalm 119:9, through the word of God. And it's so important that every day we're in the word, and whatever word we're in, we're not using Bible roulette, but we're systematically going through the scriptures in morning devotion, in our personal Bible studies, in our Sunday messages and the various other Bible studies that we take part of. And we take that word and we read it. And what Psalm 139, verse 27 and 28, we ask the Lord to search our heart and to try us, to let us know if there's any wicked way within us.

*Psalm 119:9 (NKJV)* <sup>9</sup> How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

*Psalm 139:23-24 (NKJV)* <sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; <sup>24</sup> And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

2 Timothy, 1:3. Paul had a pure conscience with knowledge, the mirror of the word

*2 Timothy 1:3 (NKJV)* <sup>3</sup> I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day,

Now before moving on, a word about chapter two, verse 11-13. See the italics there? Because it's quoting that, "Hey, this is a faithful saying," and most scholars agree that this was actually a psalm, a hymn, lines from a psalm, a hymn from the early church.

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I want you to think about something and consider something with me as we, say, pick a worship song, any song, but let's pick this one that's rather popular on the radio says, I love your voice. Mercies are new. Goes on to say all my life you've been faithful. And then the lyrics say, you're your goodness is running after me, running after me. Beautiful worship song that we would sing.

*Your Goodness –*

*I love You, Lord*

*For Your mercy never fails me*

*All my days, I've been held in Your hands*

*From the moment that I wake up*

*Until I lay my head*

*Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God  
And all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God  
I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In the darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a Father  
I've known You as a Friend  
And I have lived in the goodness of God (yeah)  
And all my life You have been faithful (oh)  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God (yeah)  
'Cause Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
'Cause Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me (oh-oh)*

And if we were singing it right now, we'd all be saying, it's beautiful. It's awesome. And I want you to consider if we were singing this song from chapter two, verse 11, verse 11, we'd say, "Oh, this is awesome." Verse 13. We'd be saying, "Yay. He's so faithful." Verse 12, we'd be lifting up the first half of that line. We'd be lifting up holy hands, praising him. But then we'd come to verse 12 and the second half of it and we'd say, "What are we doing here? What kind of worship song is this? We deny him. He will deny us. Sing that. Yeah. Imagine singing that song here as a worship song. Oh yeah. If we deny him, he'll deny us. Boy, that's going to be a bad day if we deny him." But they did. They did. That was part of their worship song.

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See, as we talk about Paul examining his heart, the early church sang a song to examine their heart, to ask themselves, is this emotion or devotion? Devotion means devoted to him because Matthew 10:32 says, if we confess him before man, he'll confess us before his father in heaven. But if we deny him before man, he'll deny us before our father in heaven. And I think there is a danger, in many ways of worship, that can be so emotional. But then the person puts down the song sheet or walks away from the guitar. And there's no devotion to the Lord, no faithfulness to his word. It was more emotion with song rather than devotion with heart. **The early church, they examined their heart during worship.** That's a pretty amazing thought.

*Matthew 10:32–33 (NKJV)* <sup>32</sup> "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

**(2 Timothy 4:16 NKJV) At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.**

Here ya go, a word of POWER! This is a POWER Verse

Verse 16. Paul's just like his Jesus. Father, forgive them. They know not what they do. But then there comes a place that I might add, because many people will claim that word of Jesus, father, forgive them. They know not what they do.

*Luke 23:34 (NKJV)* <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

But there's a place where once ignorance is revealed, then what is revealed must be done. A person can be unaware of something because they're blinded in some way. But once the revelation comes, then along with that comes the accountability to what has been spoken. We see that in Act 17:30, as Paul would preach to those in Athens. What you did, you did in ignorance. But now all men, the calling, the requirement to repent before the Lord, because Paul's now making them accountable, because he's giving them the word of God.

*Acts 17:30–31 (NKJV)* <sup>30</sup> Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Every time we give the word and people come here and hear it, they become accountable to it. They can no longer be ignorant to it. But I think there's a place that any that would say, "Well, then I'm just going to stay away from churches so I'm not accountable to anything." Then people will become accountable to that, because the Spirit's telling them, "You need to come and hear the word of God." So there's no escape from that. God is seeking and reaching out to every man. And here we come into a Christmas season where he shouts it from the mountain top and tells us, go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

- I believe there's a place, absolutely, those who aborted their baby, not of ignorance, unaware, but now they come. I believe there's an accountability to that. And what I mean by that is God says, "I forgive you. I love you. You're my child. Male and female involvement. But now that your eyes have been awakened, and the forgiveness had been had, I do have an accountability to you, that now you know, you need to go become one of the protector of the innocent. And one of the protector of the vulnerable."
- Then there is divorce. Christians get divorced in ignorance because the church didn't teach or the church promoted it or supported it, but now they come to a church that speaks and teaches the word of God and says not so quick, not so easy. Divorce has very limited reasons, according to the word of God, and for you now, you know the word of God. And God says you aren't going to get this divorce. It's not quick and easy because you don't feel like it. You're now accountable to the word of God that has been spoken to you. And so you're going to stay and you're going to fight for your marriage, and you're going to endure, and you're going to pray, and you're going to die to yourself and you're going to make this marriage be a treasure and a trophy before the world, of what God can do. If your situation has no foundation for a biblical divorce.
- And so too with sin things that we can all do, there's a time that God will overlook, father, forgive them. They know not what they do. When the word of God is revealed, then the accountability follows, and he expects us to respond according to what he has declared for us to do.



Here ya go, a word of POWER! This is a POWER Verse – because God says I forgive you for that, and don't live in the shadows of it, and now go out and rescue people from it, tell them, God's ways are better.

**(2 Timothy 4:17 NKJV) But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.**

People didn't stand by me, but something wonderful happened when they all left me, the Lord showed up. You see it is so often that when people leave us, that we can see the Lord's presence. In our darkest hours, had others have been there for us, we may have turned to them, rather than turning to the Lord, and we would have missed that sweet time of fellowship with Him.

*v.17 And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion* - some say and believe that Paul was taken to the coliseum to be devoured by a lion, but like Daniel, the lion couldn't attack. Maybe so, can't find anything to support that, so most likely Paul was referencing Satan,

*(1 Peter 5:8 NKJV) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

Verse 17, we read back in Acts 28 that Paul was under house arrest and he had been under house arrest at least for two years. Then the Book of Acts ends and we only can go with what we hear and read from two church fathers in church history, and even in many ways, church tradition. And that is that Paul was released. He was not killed at the first imprisonment. He did go on as he said that he desired, there in various epistles, to go see people, to do another missionary journey. But then as we have studied, somewhere around 64 AD, after Paul was released, after he had stood before Nero, that Nero burned Rome, blamed it on the Christians. Now there's hatred towards the Christians and who was one of the chief figureheads of the Christian Church but Paul, and so pieced together by church fathers that Paul was rearrested by Nero. Many think it's because Nero lost his mind after hearing the word of God preached by Paul because Paul would never miss the opportunity to preach to Nero. Nero is now accountable for what he hears and he don't want to hear it because he thinks he's God, and so he is going to silence the messenger Paul. And so Paul's rearrested, he's brought back to Rome, and this is where we are at this moment.

Verse 17. Jesus stood beside Paul before his first defense, which appears to be sometime after Acts 28, again. Yet, we know from Acts 23, Paul, with trumped-up charges, a plot to kill him by the Jewish countrymen, says that, "The Lord stood by me," in Acts 23. Now, his first trial, he's telling us the Lord stood by him. That'd be Acts 29, if you know what I mean, because Acts ends with 28 chapters. And Paul says he will too, again, and that's for us, 2 Timothy 5, if you know what I mean.

*Acts 23:11 (NKJV) <sup>11</sup> But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome."*

*Acts 28:30-31 (NKJV) <sup>30</sup> Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, <sup>31</sup> preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.*

"Stood," in the Greek, means "to come upon, to place at, to be present, to place one's self above, to stand by." I love the imagery.

- As you look at the Lord saying he stands beside Paul, as he stands besides us, to stand next to, as he would say to the enemy, say to those, the Evil One coming against us, "I'm with him. I'm with her."
- Next point. "To stand over" means "in front of." He's speaking the word to the enemy, to the Evil One, "You have to go through me first to get to him, to get to her."
- Next point. "To stand by," the Lord's on alert. Watch. Ready for action. He's the ultimate soldier ready to be deployed and he's ready for war. His sword is sharp. His equipment is ready. And he deploys at a moment's notice, stand beside his people.

*What I like about this, Paul doesn't say, "You won't believe this." He is really saying, "Believe this. The Lord stood beside me, and he will stand beside you.*

It's His nature, attribute, of who He is. It's what the Lord does. It's therefore who and what He does. 2 Timothy 2:13. He's faithful. I don't know how many times he has stood beside me, times I felt his presence. But more so in the midst of a situation or a fiery trial. And he stood beside me, and I knew he did, because he spoke his Word and I literally could sense his presence as he spoke his Word to me. And do you see Paul connect his Word, "You will testify of me in Rome," with his presence, as he says, and stood by him.

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*It's easy for us to miss that. But Paul is refreshed and strengthened in remembering God has stood, past tense, will stand, present tense, and will be standing, future tense.*

### Even when Paul was all Alone

How about you? Even as I speak, now, you say, "Lord, I remember you standing with me when...", and you fill in the blank. And he'll stir your heart to remind you of the times he stood with you, when that situation was hard, when that looked like a dire, and when it looked like there was nowhere else to go, and you felt the Lord uphold you by his mighty arms and his beating heart for you.

And I pray you hear him say, "And I will stand beside you, over you, and in front of you, today in the days, until I see you face to face on Heaven's shore, when I will embrace you, and I will look into your eyes and say, 'Welcome home. Welcome home!'"

### The Lord Stood by Me: When I Needed a Savior (4:18)

**(2 Timothy 4:18 NKJV) And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!**

Verse 18. Will deliver me. This counters the Demas love of the present world. Paul's looking for a city whose builder and maker is God. Paul doesn't consider this present world, his world. And therefore, no matter what happens in this world, he knows that



he'll be delivered from it. But then, be delivered into the next world, before Christ, the king himself.

*2 Timothy 4:9–10 (NKJV)* <sup>9</sup> Be diligent to come to me quickly; <sup>10</sup> for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

*Hebrews 11:9–10 (NKJV)* <sup>9</sup> By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; <sup>10</sup> for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Speaking of present world compared to eternal world.

How fitting, back to this theme, this word, “stood”, as it's spoken here, because we read it, first time, the word used in Luke's Gospel, an angel of the Lord, “I bring you tidings of great joy.” And then, first time we read it in Revelation 5:6, “And there stood a Lamb as one that was slain, who took the scroll.” The Lord, STOOD, in the gap, to deliver us from the vice-grip of sin and death, by coming to rescue us, deliver us so we have more than life in this present age, but an eternal life in the kingdom with Him forever and ever.

*2 Timothy 4:17 (NKJV)* <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

*Luke 2:8–14 (NKJV)* <sup>8</sup> Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup> Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

*Revelation 5:1–7 (NKJV)* <sup>1</sup> And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?” <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>4</sup> So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>5</sup> But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.” <sup>6</sup> And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

### **The Lord Stood by Me: Because It Is All About Grace – His Grace (4:19-22)**

**(2 Timothy 4:19 NKJV) Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.**

**(2 Timothy 4:20 NKJV) Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick.**

**(2 Timothy 4:21 NKJV) Do your utmost to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, as well as Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren.**

Interesting Trophimus was sick even though he walked with the Apostle Paul. The same man whose sweat rags would heal people. Sometimes God heals, sometimes He doesn't. It is all according to His perfect will.

Paul says, “Only Luke is with me (v.10),” but here he lists some sweet people who send their greetings. Obviously, they had been with Paul, knew that he was writing a letter to Timothy. They knew Timothy and they wanted to send greetings to Timothy. So, what we see is that these people were here during this writing, knew details of Paul's life. Therefore, they had to be there with Paul to say, “Oh, make sure you tell Timothy we said, hello.” And the scripture doesn't contradict itself. And neither does Paul, looking for some theatrical dramatic statement of, “only Luke is with me,” when these other people

we've seen have been with him. I think what we see here, as we look at the context, as he mentioned, "Bring Mark. He's useful to me in ministry." And we see the others being sent out for ministry, I believe what we see here is what Paul grieves about regarding Demas is the brother-in-arms. They were soldiers together. They were a band of brothers fighting the formidable foe, the Evil One, Caesar Nero, the world, religion, all of them coming at once. And they stood arm-in-arm, toe-to-toe, to fight. And when he speaks of the others being sent out for ministry and he speaks of Demas leaving, I believe he's speaking of, "We once fought together, and Demas left me."

**(2 Timothy 4:22 NKJV) The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.**

Last Words!!!!!!!

And verse 22, the last recorded words of this great man, and what does he say?  
Grace.....Grace be with you.

That is what it is all about, unmerited, undeserved, favor of God. He loves you, and He will be back for you.

#### Outline - The Lord Stood by Me:

- When Others Came Against Me (4:14-15)
- When I Was All Alone (4:16-17)
- When I Needed a Savior (4:18)
- Because It Is All About Grace – His Grace (4:19-22)

#### Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

*Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

#### **In Every Study**

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

*Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

