

Second Timothy
Endure
Week 10: Final Words

Scripture

II Timothy 4:9-22

Motivation (Why They Need to Know It)

Most Valued Things?

Information (What They Need to Know)

II Timothy 4:9-22 (ESV)

Urgency (we do not know our exact time)

II Timothy 4:9 (ESV) Do your best to come to me soon.

Paul does not know what his future holds but he values people and wants to continue pressing forward for the Lord.

II Timothy 4:10-12, 14-15 (ESV) For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens

has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. **11** Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. **12** Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. **15** Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message.

Relationships pt.1 - Some with let you down or hurt you and others will strengthen and encourage you.

Deserted - Demas

Alone - Crescens and Titus

Supported - Luke

Restored - John Mark

Faithful - Tychicus

Attacked - Alexander

Ministry is difficult because you are dealing with people and people can be fickle

II Timothy 4:13 (ESV) When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

Physical & Emotional Needs

Warmth and Truth to encourage his Soul

II Timothy 4:16-18 (ESV) At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! **17** But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. **18** The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Remembering and Meditating

Acts 23:11 (ESV) The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”

Paul was now in that place. In Rome. Representing Christ.

Jesus had given him familiar words that Paul had read over and over in the Old Testament. Be Courageous. When you are facing the unknown ahead be courageous because your strength is in God alone. Joshua stood on the edge of the promised land with a generation who did not confidently know God but were eager to claim the promised land after 40 years of wandering watching an entire generation pass. Paul was going to be going on a very difficult trip to Rome. He would face assassination attempts, a fierce storm, shipwreck, the bite of a viper and ultimately stand before Caesar. Paul needed Christ's words...be courageous.

Paul had memorized and meditated upon the the Old Testament and Psalms. Take a look at...

Psalm 139:7-10 (ESV) Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

As A. W. Tozer said, Paul knew that God is “not here or there but carried here or there in his heart.”

Commentators think that during the writing of this last part of the letter Paul was specifically meditating on the Messianic Psalm #22

Look at these 5 parallels.

Verse 16 - Paul says, “all have deserted me”

Psalm 22:1 - David writes, “why have you forsaken me”

Verse 16 - Paul says, “no one came to stand by me”

Psalm 22:11 - David writes, “there is none to help”

Verse 17 - Paul says, “and all the Gentiles might hear it”

Psalm 22:27 - David writes, “all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord”

Verse 17 - Paul says, “I was rescued from the lion’s mouth”

Psalm 22:21 - David writes, “save me from the mouth of the lion”

Verse 17 - Paul says, “he will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom.

Psalm 22:27-28 - David says, “The whole earth will acknowledge the Lord and return to him. For the Lord is King.

God was in control and Paul had confidence in Him from His word.

God is never fickle but is always faithful

Paul loved people and building ministry relationships but he understood that the foundation to all of them is Jesus

Relationships pt.2 - Our friendship with Jesus should be the core of all of the other friendships/relationships with others.

Paul is traveling with groups. People were always coming and going. Paul learned the importance of handling people with grace and mercy which he did not do in his younger years with Mark who now Paul had tremendous love. And those who did not come to or for his defense he handles like Jesus in dealing with this disciples (even the one who betrayed him) and those who were crucifying him (Father forgive them for they know not what they do).

II Timothy 4:19-22 (ESV) Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. **20** Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. **21** Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers.

22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

What or who brings you comfort? Where do you turn in tremendous hurt, difficulty, needing strength?