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Do your best!

2 Timothy 4:9-15

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One of the saddest verses – 2 Tim 4:10
***“Demas, having loved this present
world, has deserted me!”***

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Demas: "...his first love to Christ and his gospel was forsaken and forgotten, and he fell in love with the world."

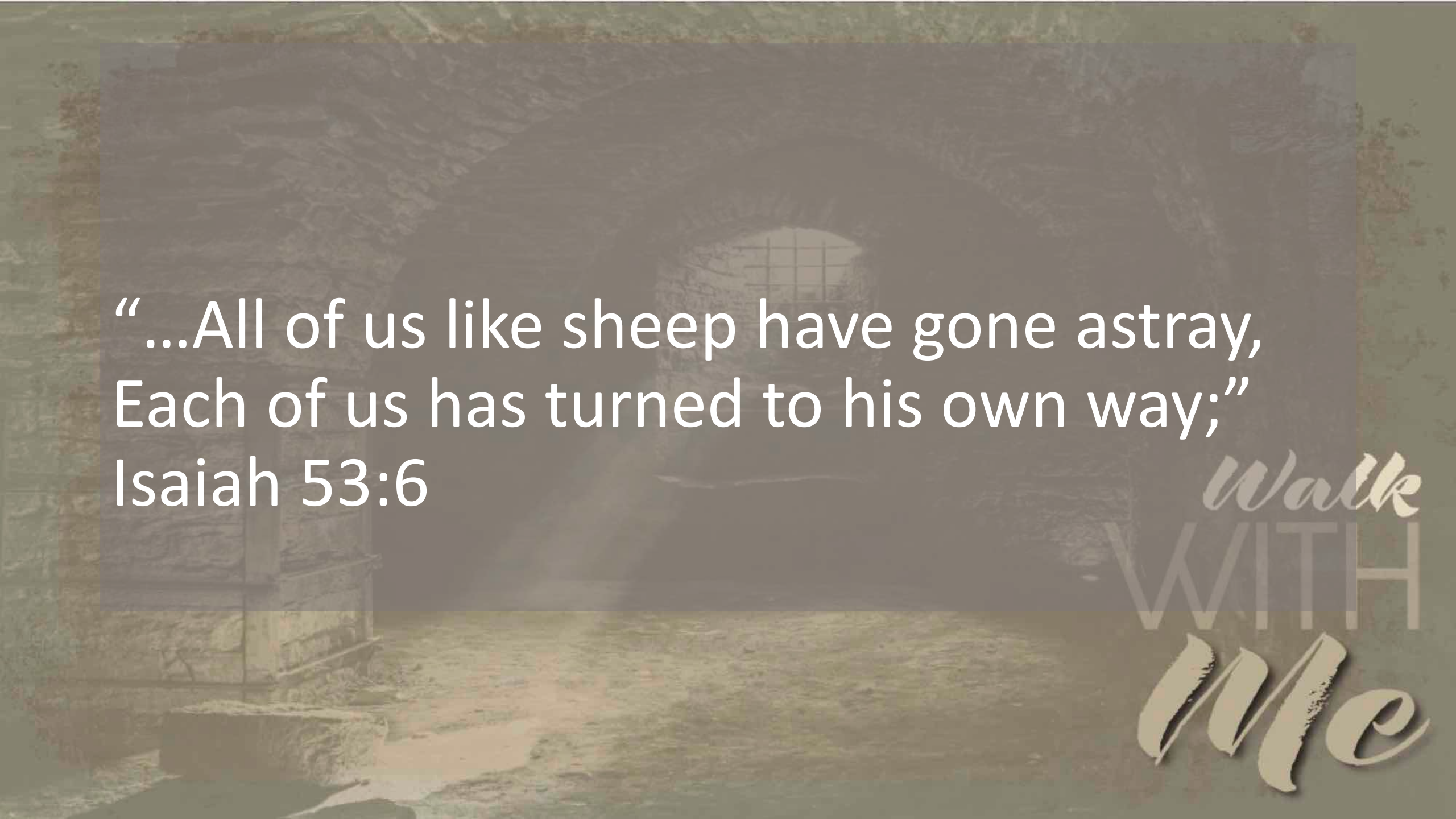
Matthew Henry

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“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

1 John 2:15

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“...All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way;”
Isaiah 53:6

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2 Timothy 4:9

Make every effort to come to me soon;

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Deadline 9

- Time is short – Rome was growing impatient
 - ‘soon’ - ταχέως - tachometer
- Effort will be required – not convenience!
- Ministry is personal – ‘me’
- **Our time is short – make the most!**
- **‘redeeming the time’ – 2x**

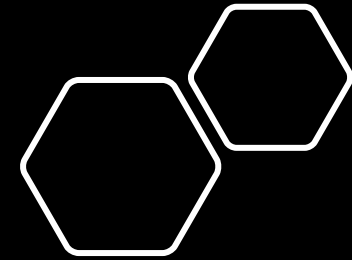
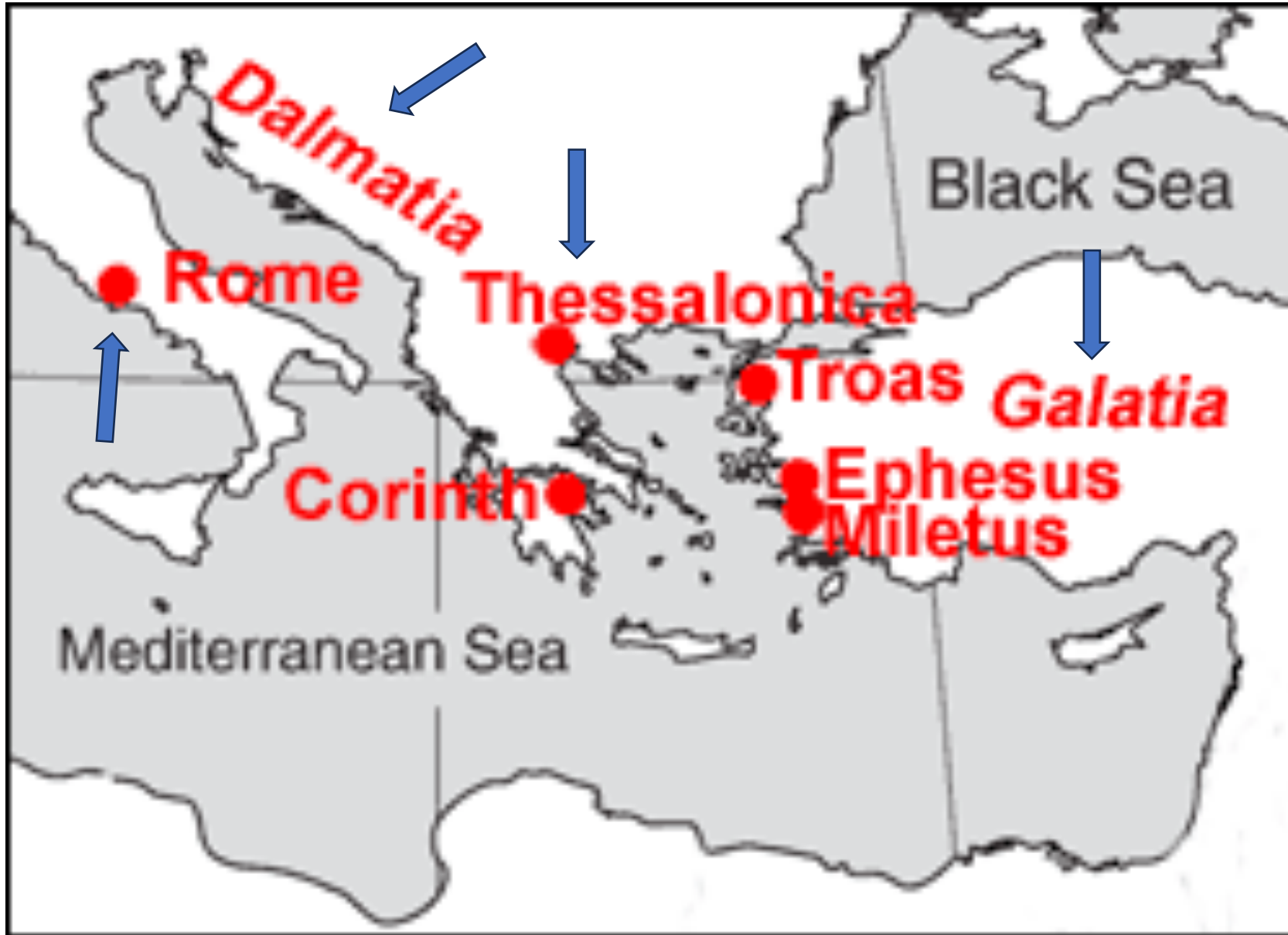
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*“Do not be lonely alone!
The cure for loneliness is
helping the lonely!”*

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10 for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

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Paul in Rome
Demas to Thessalonica
Crescens to Galatia
Titus to Dalatia

Deserted 10

- Demas has deserted – ‘forsaken Me?’
- Demas has loved the world
- Creceus to Galatia – led away – God’s call
- Titus to Dalmatia – led away – God’s call
- **We can’t win them all!**
- **We can’t keep them all!**

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*'DRAWN AWAY' HAPPENS WHEN
I UNDERVALUE GOD AND
OVERVALUE THE WORLD.*

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11 Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service.

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John Mark

Acts 15:38 But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.

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Devoted 11

- Luke is with me – investigative reporter
 - Luke – seeking account for Theophilus (Luke Acts 1)
- Bring John Mark – Acts 13 – deserter!
- Barnabas ministry - 'useful' - in διακονία
- **Don't quit – God is faithful**
- **Don't give up on God's people – God is good!**

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*I CAN QUIT WHEN I BELIEVE
GOD HAS QUIT OR HE IS
FINISHED WITH ME.*

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12 But Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

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Dispatched 12

- John 20 - *“as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you”*.
- Timothy knows his calling
- **Are you sent?**
- **Who have you sent?**

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*“The Christian life is
the disciplined life and
the disciplining life.”*

Mark Dever

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13 When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.

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Deliver 13

- Ministry needs practical stuff too!
- Cloak – be prepared!
- Books and parchments – study tools
- 2 Tim 2:15 – ‘study to show...’
- **Are you helping with the tools?**
- **Are you using the books & parchments?**

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14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.

15 Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching.

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Dispute 14,15

- Alexander opposed – ‘set against’
- Lord is judge – we don’t have to be right!
- Be on your guard – Acts 20
- **Who is really being opposed in heresy?**
- **How can we be ‘on guard’?**

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*We are only as strong as we are
facing opposition!*

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Doing our best – as unto the LORD!

- Redeeming the time – only one life
- Only God's faithfulness is the measure
- Don't quit on God or His people!
- Who are you sending?
- Do we know the truth to defend it?

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Prov 3:5,6

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And do not lean on your own
understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.

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*“YOU ONLY FAIL
WHEN YOU QUIT!”*

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