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Finish Well (part two)

2 Timothy 4:9-22

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there anything from the message today that was particularly helpful? Was there anything you'd like to discuss further?
2. Relationships are necessary and painful, a source of sweetness and bitterness in life. Discuss some relationships that have been a source of sweetness. What about bitterness? How has God used both types in your life for his purposes?
3. Paul was deserted by Demas. It doesn't seem like the relationship was ever restored. Why should we practice grace in the face of this kind of disappointment? Share a time when this has happened to you. Have you ever been the disappointment?
4. Sometimes the reason why people disappoint us is complicated. Be careful you're not being simplistic or unforgiving. Share a time when you disappointed someone without malicious intent. Has someone ever done this to you? Discuss.
5. The reason we can be gracious with people who disappoint us is because of our relationship with the One who never disappoints: the Lord Jesus Christ. How does your relationship with Christ enable you to give grace and maintain hope?
6. Was there ever a time when you felt all alone only to later be reminded that "in Christ" you are never alone. When has the "Lord stood by you & strengthened you?"
7. How are you currently growing in your knowledge of and love for the Lord?
8. In light of today's message, what are some practical changes you will make to your relationship with God? How will you go about implementing those changes? How can we help you/pray for you so that you're successful in this step of obedience?