Finish Well Pt. 2 — Delivery Transcript

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Morning. Pretty good question, isn't it? Same question we asked last week. We are on part two of a message called Finish Well, and the message Finish Well is part 10 of a series we've been in, 2 Timothy. And before we get to that question and really before we examine the text this morning, I just want to real quick remind everybody why it is we're even studying this book because I think it's important to begin with the end in mind and when you get to the end remember the why. And our church is unique from a lot of other churches and there are a lot of different reasons for that, but I believe one of the reasons is because it's been given this opportunity to continue reaching an older generation, our demographic, you know, call them baby boomers, whatever you want to call 'em, while simultaneously at the same time reaching young people, millennials.

You know, church people always talk about how do you reach millennials? And for some reason our church is reaching those type individuals. So we have this growing demographic of both. We have a growing demographic of 20 to 45 or 20 to 30 year olds and we have a growing demographic of 65 to 85 year olds and we wanted to ask the question how do we bring those two worlds together. Because there's something that each has to offer the other. There's such a foundation in our church of older people who are mature in their Christian faith.

They know the Word of God. When it comes to their loyalty to this church, they have served this church, some of them, for over thirty years or longer. They are really the reason with God's grace that Broadview has become what it is today. It's the reason all these buildings are around here and all these signs were paid for by money that they have historically given over and over and over. They've been very generous. And so there's this demographic of biblically knowledgeable, humble, spiritual, older people in our church who have so much to give to a growing demographic of younger people in our church.

Many of the people that are joining our church are coming from unchurched backgrounds and so they don't know anything about the Bible. They didn't grow up in Sunday school. They didn't have training union. They didn't, you know, memorize the books of the Bible. Very, very green when it comes to the Christian life, how to live the Christian life, there is just this uncertainty and there's so much that this older generation could give to this younger generation, but the problem is it's not easy to bring those two worlds together. So to put it simply, Broadview has this core value of being multi-generational, of being able to bring both worlds together, but that core value is not easy to achieve because of egos.

Young people have egos. Old people have egos. The ego of most young people, especially young leaders, is they think they know everything. Can I get an amen from the old people? All right. Young people think they know everything. If you just let me do it, you know, then I'll do it right and I'll fix it and everything will be amazing. Maybe not that strong, but something like that and, you know, I know that's a liability, and there needs to be some protection on that and some checks and balances. But on the other hand, there's the ego of an older generation and whether you want to admit it or not whether it ever manifests itself or not, there is a sentiment that comes with old age that goes something like, my days of greatest contribution are over.

My ideas are not as cool. My effectiveness is not as great. The things that I saw God do in the past and the methods that God used to reach people in the past are not the methods that God uses today. And I don't know how I can contribute effectively anymore to the kingdom of God. And so there's this feeling of I'm marginalized. I'm not as useful as I once was and could be even to the degree that some may feel the sentiment that I'm just put out to pasture. I'm only around, for example, to pay the bills, keep the lights on for this new generation.

And God in his grace has protected our church from the negative implications of those kind of sentiments on either side. And I'm so thankful to the Lord for that. And as a result, our church has been able to see things happen that otherwise wouldn't happen. I want to just give you one story and example of this and then we'll get to our text. It's really pretty cool. It's things that are going to happen in the very near future. There was a couple who joined our church a couple years ago and the reason that they ended up coming to Broadview really wasn't their choice.

We were providing their family a ministry. A loved one had died and we had cooked them a meal for their funeral services and as a result of their encounter with the Lord at this church through that ministry, they just kind of thought, well, you know, maybe I'll go back, you know, I'll go back to church. And so they went back a couple times, went to the candlelight service, and then eventually ended up joining our church. And so a ministry led predominantly by baby boomers, an older generation, welcomed a young family into our

church who eventually joined our church and that young family, sticking around for a while, ended up inviting another one of their friends, a coworker of theirs, to our church.

That coworker ends up hanging out in our church for a little while and comes to a place where she decides because of what God's been doing in her life and the decisions she had made that it was time to go public and make her faith public through baptism. And so the missing part of that is this young couple who joined our church through the funeral meal, they were really discipled and mentored by a baby boomer, an older gentleman in our church who was their small group leader who discipled them and showed them about the faith to the degree I believe that they went out on mission and saw themselves as people who announced the good news and helped to reconcile people to the Lord.

And so you saw in that story those two generations working hand in glove, both in ministry and in teaching and mentoring and discipleship, ultimately resulting in two previously unchurched families becoming reached and loving the Lord deeply and serving him in ministry. And that's what we want. That's why this church exists. We want to be a church unchurched people can attend, that they don't feel uncomfortable here. And we want to see a multi-generational culture so that there's not this hostility or those negative sentiments that undermine the unique ministry that God can do by both of those people working together.

Now when I ask the question as your pastor, how do we get better at that? How do we keep ourselves from the danger of the enemy sowing discord and division? How do we protect ourselves from that? I was led to the book of 2 Timothy. And the reason for that is 2 Timothy gives an example of that very thing happening. A baby boomer pastor mentoring a millennial type, a younger pastor, and showing, modeling for us through his life and his letter, 2 Timothy, how to entrust the gospel from one generation to the next, to the degree that person to whom you've entrusted the gospel takes what's been given to him and gives it to the next generation and the generation after that, all the way to the third and the fourth generation.

And that's what 2 Timothy has been about and we've seen what it means to have a genuine, authentic Christian faith, how to avoid hypocrisy. We've looked at the responsibility that we have to take what we've been given and give it to the third and the fourth generations. You might think of it as not only are we to be disciples, but we're to be disciples of Jesus who make disciples of Jesus, who then make other disciples of Jesus, so that it's this multiplying process of people coming to faith in Christ, knowing what it means to be a believer and passing that on and on and on.

So we saw that responsibility, we saw how to do it, we saw the pattern for it. We saw the motivation for it. It comes by remembering Jesus and remembering that God keeps his promises and if you ever do doubt that in the midst of your suffering or pain to just look back to the cross and the resurrection of Jesus. And if God keeps his promises there, then he will

surely keep his promises in our life, in the current situations that we're facing. We saw the responsibility of a pastor in this process of guarding the gate and making sure, you know, you don't get off course and you major on the majors and you make the main things the plain things and you preach the word clearly and effectively and you apply it well.

And all of those things. And then last week when we got to the end of the book, we looked at the question, how do you finish well. How do you not peter out, you know, in your retirement years, or maybe when you're just tired and you're weary, you set out on a course you were doing well, but you don't have any energy, you don't have that love that you used to have for the Lord. How do you take that, deal with it, and finish well? And we looked at the life of the Apostle Paul.

And he gave us a template. So last week, if you weren't here with us, we saw Paul look into his present situation without fear of what was going to come next. He was able to look back to the past without shame and regret, so his past bad decisions weren't haunting him throughout his life. He was free from those things and that enabled him to finish well. And then lastly he had hope of a future reward. This week we're finishing the book and finishing the text, and the reason I really thought we needed to break it into two pieces is because the rest of the text is just really odd.

I don't know any other way to put it. It's choppy. It's got a main point, I believe, but it's really choppy on either side of the main point. And if I was going to summarize it, if you really want to finish well in the Christian life, not only do you need to do those things like looking in and back and forward, but you just got to have this reality check. That when it comes to living the Christian life, whether you're doing ministry or you're just a Christian living the Christian life, it's just stinking hard.

It's not easy. It's a challenge. You don't become a Christian and your life just all of a sudden gets easier. In many cases it gets more difficult. And the reason for that is because the Christian life demands that you enter into and sustain relationships with other people. There's no lone ranger Christianity. You got to love people and interact with people. And the thing about people is they're sinful and sinful people let you down. And so relationships are absolutely necessary, but they're also an absolute source of pain in your life. So you got to come to terms with that.

You got to come to terms with the fact that God's always faithful and you never stop growing. So let's look at the text. And it's a choppy text, so choppy sermon. Forgive me for that. And then we'll be done. Okay, I want to give you the main point first. It's in chapter 4, verses 17 to 18. If you don't get this, you don't get the text. And so we'll get the main point first, and then we'll go on either side of the text of the main point to kind of get some subpoints.

2 Timothy chapter 4, verse 17. Paul says, when I was in prison and I was before my court date and no one was there, he said everyone had deserted him, but the truth of the matter is, even though everyone else was unfaithful, the Lord was faithful. The Lord stood by me. He strengthened me. And the reason that he strengthened me and stood by me is so that the message might be fully proclaimed through me, and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. It's talking about death.

I was rescued from death. Verse 18, and the Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom to him be glory forever and ever. Amen. So that's the main point. Now, on either side of that point, God is faithful no matter what. Even though people let you down, even though life is hard, God is faithful. On either side of that is just this list of personal comments and requests and let me just kind of give you a brief tour of it. He says things like, hey Timothy, come to me before winter if you can.

Bring me my coat from Troas, verse 13. Watch out for Alexander the coppersmith, verse 15. Nobody showed up to support me at my court date, verse 16. The Lord stood by me, verse 17. Greet Priscilla and Aquila, verse 19. Trophimus I left sick at Miletus, that's verse twenty. All the brothers greet you, twenty one, the Lord be with you, verse twenty two. So just choppy choppy. It's like squirrel, squirrel, squirrel. Paul, just calm down. So choppy text, choppy sermon. Even though it's all choppy and you get all this stuff going on, the thing that rises to the top, in my opinion, is that Paul's life was inundated with personal relationships.

And when it comes to living your Christian life, relationships are absolutely necessary. You cannot avoid them. They are a source of pain and pleasure. God uses people in your life to turn you into who he wants you to be. He does things in you through other people, and he'll do things through you because of the effect that those people had on your life. And most oftentimes the people that God brings into your life, He brings into your life for a season. And they will leave you. And when they leave you, for whatever reason, it hurts.

But the pain of that future hurt does not negate the absolute necessity of your need for those people in your life at the time that God brings them. So let me show you this in the text. We'll start in verse 9, chapter 4, verse 9, and just kind of circle the names or pay attention to the names as they surface. He tells him first, Timothy, do your best to come to me soon. Because Demas fell in love with the world. He's in love with this present age or this present world, and he has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.

So Demas used to be his ministry partner, now he's toast. He's gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia. We don't know the reason. Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me, so get Mark and bring him with you, for he's very useful to me for ministry. Tychicus, I have sent to Ephesus. Then he goes on and says a few more things. Skip down to verse nineteen. You see some more names surface there. He says greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus, Mr. Uno, as I like to call him.

Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill at Miletus. Do your best to come to me before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as does Pudens and Linus and Claudia and Charlie Brown and the rest of the Peanuts gang. No, I'm just kidding. Claudia and all the brothers. The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you. So it's real tempting, isn't it, to read a text like that, kind of skip over it, because you're, you know, well, I don't know who those people are. I don't know what's going on.

The end, right? But you don't want to do that. One of the things that all those names shows you about the Apostle Paul is he did not believe in living the Christian life by himself. It's real easy to think of the Apostle Paul as this super Christian who went all over the world planting churches all by himself, kind of like this superhero and had the isolationist mentality like most superheroes, but that was not the case. Paul always did ministry as a team with other people, and you see this here in this text.

So relationships are absolutely crucial if you're going to do ministry. If you're going to live the Christian life well, you've got to have other people in your life, even though it's a source of pain. And you see some of the reasons for that. One of the reasons that relationships are a source of pain in your life is sometimes people who you love, they just quit loving the Lord. That was the case with Demas. He used to be a fellow minister and then he just kind of checked out and we don't know why.

Sometimes it's not because people leave the Lord, sometimes it's because the Lord moves people from you. And so in the case of Crescens and Titus and Tychicus and Erastus and Trophimus, all of those men were with Paul there in Rome, and then God moved them to other ministry locations. We don't know why, we don't know what was there, but the point is they were with Paul. He loved them deeply, became very close to them. They were buddy buddy, and then boom, God moved them. And that hurts. It hurts when you grow to love people very much in your life and they get a new job offer or maybe they go to another church or whatever reason they get deployed and they go away.

But the pain of that future hurt does not outweigh the absolute necessity of those relationships. For your Christian life. So sometimes it's because people leave the Lord, sometimes it's because the Lord moves people away, sometimes it's because people in your life oppose you, they hurt you, they make your life difficult. That's what Paul says in verses 14 and 15. He says, "Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm. I don't know what a coppersmith is. I guess a guy who smiths copper. But anyway, this guy did me great harm. The Lord will repay him according to his deeds.

Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message." So Paul's just out there preaching the gospel, doing what God's called him to do, and this gentleman's making his life tough, and it's difficult. When you're out there trying to do what God's called you to do and you get opposition from people, most often who don't understand your motives, who

don't really appreciate what it is that you're trying to do, oftentimes will misrepresent you and manipulate things so that they cast you in the worst light possible, and that hurts. So whether it's wounds from a friend, opposition from an enemy, silence because you're lonely, they're no longer present.

All of those things make relationships hard, but it would be a foolish thing if because of the pain that relationships provide, that you therefore insulate yourself from ever developing relationships with other people. If you do that, if you insulate yourself, not only will you be missing out on what God wants to do in your life and through your life because of those other people in your life, your heart will end up growing very cold, impenetrable, very callous, and before you know it, you won't be able to experience the kind of change in your life that you need to experience because you've cut yourself off from the shaping influence of the community of faith.

God uses the church, he uses other people, this is why small groups are important, to shape you and mold you into who he wants you to be. So enter into relationships, keep them, even when they're disappointing, even when they cause you pain. And that gets to the next point. When it comes to those relationships, always choose to be gracious. Look at what Paul says in verse 16. Verse 16 is a very painful verse. He says that at my first defense, no one came to stand by me, but everybody deserted me.

He's talking about his court date. So Paul got arrested for preaching the gospel. Back then, it's kind of like back today. When you get a conviction or something, you go and you stand before the judge. And what should have happened is people like Luke and Crescens and Titus and all, and Pudens and Claudia, all those people who were there in Rome, they should have showed up at Paul's trial date. They should have been there to serve as character witnesses. They should have been there to pay his bond or whatever to try to get him out of prison.

But Paul says in verse 16, nobody showed. We don't know why, we don't know all the reasons, but the point of the matter is Paul was incredibly disappointed because the people who should have been there for him, the relationships that should have come through didn't. The relationships that should have been a source of encouragement instead became a source of pain. And in the face of that disappointment, what does Paul choose to do? Look at what he says in verse 16. Nobody came, everybody deserted me, but may it not be charged against them.

In other words, in the face of disappointment, Paul chooses to be gracious, he chooses to forgive. And if we're going to be successful in the Christian life, if you want to finish well, one of the principles that you've got to embrace in your life when it comes to your relationships is to allow your relationships to be grace-based. Grace-based relationships. The word grace just means to treat people better than they deserve to be treated. Because God has treated you

better than you deserve to be treated. So in your marriage, you love your wife, treat your wife better than they deserve to be treated.

I know everyone's wife's perfect, so this may be irrelevant. But let's say if they ever did make a mistake, you would treat them better than they deserve to be treated. Not because they deserve that, but because God in Christ and His love has treated you better than you deserve to be treated, and so you give grace. When they insult you, make you mad, you give grace. With your children, with your coworkers, with your enemies, with the people who upset you, give grace because, not because they deserve it, but because God has given you grace.

Now when you base your relationships in grace, it just changes everything. And you do it no matter what. In Paul's case, he does it. When people don't repent. So in the case of Demas, who was Demas? He was a fellow minister. He fell in love with the world, right? And Paul says of Demas, I forgive you. May it not be charged against him. May his defection not be held against him. I release him from his debt. So you give grace even when people don't repent. Those people in your life who hurt you and they're never going to say, I'm sorry, there's a calling on your life as a Christian to treat them better than they deserve, to write them a kind note.

If anything, you just release them. Don't harbor bitterness and unforgiveness in your heart. That's a grace-based relationship. So do that. Because God has done it towards you in Christ. Even when you refuse to repent, even when you lived a life of ungodliness, some of you even now are living lives that you know are sinful and you love the Lord for the most part, but you just can't seem to get out of this sinful habit that you have in your life, and God in His grace continues to treat you better than you deserve.

You keep having air in your lungs. Paychecks keep coming in, you still keep having food on the table, that is grace upon grace, even though you haven't repented Since that's true of you and your relationship with Christ, you're giving that to other people in your life even when they don't repent. So do that. Have a grace-based relationship. Even when they don't repent. Have a grace-based relationship also because sometimes people will repent. That's the case of John Mark. Look at chapter 4 verse 11. He says that verse 11, Luke alone is with me.

What I want you to do is get Mark and bring him with you because Mark's useful to me for ministry. John Mark was with Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey. If you want to read about that, you can look at Acts chapter 13. But what happens is that John Mark ends up deserting them. He goes back to Jerusalem before they get to the toughest parts of ministry. And it upset Paul so badly that when it came to the second missionary journey and John Mark wanted to go with them, Paul told John Mark, no, you can't go.

You've disappointed me, therefore you can't go with me in my second missionary journey. And Barnabas told Paul. If he doesn't go with you, then I don't go with you. So there was this

big split between Paul and Barnabas on their second missionary journey. We don't know when this happened, but at some point or another, Paul and John Mark reconciled. I don't know if John Mark repented or what happened, but the point is the relationship was restored. And when it comes to your relationships with other people, there are going to be times when people disappoint you, when they don't show up for you, when they don't say what they should have said, they don't make the phone call.

And in those moments, instead of cutting them off completely, instead of never receiving them back again, it is a wiser thing to choose to be gracious because sometimes they will repent. And sometimes those relationships will be restored. And you don't want to burn the bridge to the degree that it can never happen again. So choose to be gracious. In the case of John Mark, it provided a new ministry opportunity. And then I'd also say choose to be gracious, especially because sometimes it's just complicated. Sometimes the reason that people don't show up at the hospital, the reason they didn't call, the reason they didn't say anything in the hallway, it's not because they hate you, it's not because they're mad at you.

It isn't because they want to make your life miserable. It's just complicated. It could be a million other reasons. In Paul's case, in chapter 4, verse 16, when he says nobody showed up. People should have showed up. Luke should have been there. Mr. Uno, Onesimus, or I can't remember his name.[1] Mr. Uno, he should have been there, but they weren't there. I don't know what happened. I don't know. Maybe the Romans lied about the court date. You know, it was going to be in two weeks. Well really it was in one week.

And so nobody showed up. I don't know why, but the point is, in your life, when it comes to your relationships, sometimes when people disappoint you, you just need to be gracious because the reasons are complicated. And so don't be so simplistic to think just because you didn't come through, therefore you're not a Christian. Or you must hate me. Or I can't ever have a relationship with you again because your motives are this evil. You know what grace does? Grace chooses to believe the best instead of assuming the worst. Grace chooses to give that person the most generous explanation possible.

Because you were given grace by the Lord. He gave you the most generous explanation possible. He didn't think you were too far gone for salvation. And so in the same way you choose to give grace. Don't be so simplistic and don't be so unforgiving in light of what Christ has done for you, in light of what Christ has done for Peter, who denied him three times, in light of what he did for the Twelve who hid in fear after his crucifixion. In light of his forgiveness towards them, be forgiving towards the people who disappoint you because it may very well just be more complicated than you know.

So be gracious. Choose to base your relationships in grace. So relationships are necessary. Those relationships need to be grace based and the reason that Paul was able to do that is because his fundamental security and joy in life was based not on any earthly relationship,

but because of his relationship with the Lord Jesus. Look at what he says in verses 17 and 18. This is the main point of the text. He says, "But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed."

Here you get another insight into why you should always base your relationships in grace. One, those relationships, when they're restored, God will often use them to further his kingdom and his purposes in the world. So Paul says, now the reason I'm able to give grace to Demas and John Mark and all those people who didn't show up for my court date is because fundamentally when it comes to my security in life, when it comes to why do I stay together, it isn't because of those people never failing me, it's because of the Lord never failing me.

My trust and security isn't in earthly relationships, it's in my heavenly relationship with Jesus Christ because that relationship can do things for me. These other relationships cannot, and that relationship will come through for me when these other relationships will not. In other words, the faithfulness of Jesus in your relationship with him is what will enable you to deal graciously with the unfaithfulness of the world, of other people when they fail you. So he says the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and then Gentiles might hear it.

That just means non-Jewish people. That was his mission field. "So I was rescued from the lion's mouth"— talking about death. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed. He'll bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. So if you want to finish well, you got to embrace certain realities. Relationships are hard but necessary. In the face of disappointment, choose to be gracious when they don't repent and the relationships are not restored. Be gracious when they do repent and the relationships are restored. Be gracious because sometimes it's just complicated and you don't know everything that's going on.

And be gracious because your ultimate security is found in your relationship with Christ who can do for you what other relationships can't and will come through for you when other relationships won't. Be gracious for those reasons. And then lastly, and somewhat disconnected from the other two points. Never stop growing. Look at 2 Timothy chapter 4 verse 13. This is an interesting verse. He says, "When you come, bring the cloak"— talking about his coat— "that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments." I don't know what the books and the parchments were.

Some people think it was New Testament letters. I think it's probably at least that. It's maybe even some of Paul's own personal notes. And you think about, how do you preach that verse? Well, here's what I get from it. Here's the Apostle Paul, he's this close to death, right? And he's really probably pretty old. But even though he knows he's about to die, and even though he's more mature than most of us will ever be when it comes to his Christian life, the Apostle

Paul knows that I can never stop growing in my knowledge of the Lord and my love for the Lord.

And if you want to finish well, you have got to embrace this calling on the Christian life to never stop growing. And the way that you grow in your Christian life is to take the Word of God and allow the Spirit of God to use the Word of God in your life to increase your knowledge of who God is, who you are, what he's done for you, what that means for you. And as a result of you coming to a deeper understanding of that, your heart will deepen in your affections for Jesus.

And the more you grow in that, the more peace you'll have in your life, the more maturity you'll have in your life, the more successfully you will be able to endure suffering and pain in your life. And Paul knew that. And so Paul never quit. Paul says, bring me my books. I need my books. I've got to keep growing in my love for the Lord. And some of us need that word. Some of us are a little lax. Here it is, it's summertime. Your discipline's beginning to wane and you may ask the question, well, is it really even that important to stay in the Word?

Is it really that important that I keep my mind focused on the Lord and what he's doing in my life and how I can increase in that knowledge and the answer is it's absolutely crucial to you finishing well. If you want to continue, sustain, stay strengthened for what it is that God's called you to do, then never stop growing. Not when you're mature, not when you're old, not when you're on your deathbed, not ever. So relationships are hard but necessary. Choose to base them in grace and never stop growing. And if you're here this morning and you don't have a relationship with Jesus Christ, if you find yourself here this morning and other relationships have failed you and you find yourself questioning what is it all about anyway?

Can anyone ever be trusted? I'm here to tell you the Lord Jesus can, and if you will come to a point when you realize your sins have separated you from God, and that Christ in his love died for you, paid the penalty for those sins, and was raised from the dead, proving that his death was sufficient for your salvation. And you repent of your sin and trust in Him, you will be saved. And that relationship can serve as the foundation for you to achieve whatever course God has set out before you in your life.

That'll be the foundation for why you can receive other people into your life even though they're imperfect, even though they're unlovely. And so I'd encourage you to trust in him today. I'm going to invite the band back up and we're going to have a time to respond. I know that with a message like this there may be things you want to pray about this morning and if you want to pray I'll certainly be here to pray with you. And I want to challenge you, as the band comes up, that you reflect on today's text and maybe let the Lord bring one or two individuals in your life to mind, people maybe who have disappointed you, people who have hurt you, people towards whom the Lord is asking you to give grace.

And allow him in this moment to change your heart and work on you so that this week you can enter into a process of maybe reconciling with those people. Maybe it won't be a reconciliation, but you, in God's grace, can release them from the hurt that they've caused you. And be freed from the slavery that comes from harboring that unforgiveness and that bitterness. And just allow the Lord to do that during this time. Let's stand and pray together.

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1. Transcript note: spoken as "Mr. Uno, Onesimus, or I can't remember his name"; the "Mr. Uno" named in 2 Timothy 4:19 is Onesiphorus (also 2 Timothy 1:16–18), not Onesimus. Source: 2 Timothy 1:16–18; 4:19 (ESV). ↩