

Strength in the Struggle

2 Timothy 4:9-22

Strength from our Friends

- We all need trusted, intimate, and Godly companions
- A helpful principle: Cultivate, don't isolate
- Could you be that source for someone else?

Strength from the Lord

- Trusting in His justice
- Trusting in His mercy
- Trusting in His faithfulness

Strength from our Focus

- Do I do what I do to make Jesus look good?

"Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." (Phil 4:11,13)

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Gal 2:20)

For Life Group Discussion

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1. How have you been impacted by our 9-month study of 1st and 2nd Timothy? What are 1 or 2 truths that will stick with you?
2. In our text Paul is in the midst of an extreme struggle. Although our circumstances are very different, we still face challenges. What is one current struggle you are facing in which you could apply Sunday's message?
3. Who do you want around you when you are facing trouble? How do they give you strength? Do you need more people like this in your life? Could you be that person for someone else? How?
4. Is it easy or difficult for you to trust in the Lord when justice is delayed? Read Psalm 73. How did Asaph struggle? What conclusions did he come to that answered his questions?
5. Read 2 Tim 4:16. How did the grace of God in Paul's life affect his extension of grace toward others? What about you?
6. Read 2 Tim 4:17-18a. Can you testify that the Lord has been faithful in the past? What does that mean for the present and future?
7. Read 2 Tim 18b. Is the glory of the Lord your primary focus? Do you do what you do to make Him look good? Explain

Homework: Our next teaching series will be in the Book of Hebrews. Read and meditate on chapter 1 in preparation!