## Passing the Baton, a Study of 2 Timothy – Lesson 6

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You are aware of the fact that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains; but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me-- the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that day-and you know very well what services he rendered at Ephesus. –2 Timothy 1:15-18

Day 1 Unfaithful Friends (vs 15)

You are aware of the fact that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes – 2 Timothy 1:15

1. Why do you think Phygelus and Hermogenes deserted Paul?

2. How do the company we keep and the friends that we chose make a difference in how we live our lives?

3. According to these verses, what does the Bible say about friendship?

a. Psalm 133:1

b. Prov. 13:20

c. Prov. 27:9

d. Prov. 22:24-25

e. Prov. 27:17

f. 1 Cor. 15:33

g. James 4:4

4. How does this section tie back to verse 8?

5. Why is the rejection of fellow believers harder to bear than the rejection of the world?

**Day 2** Faithful Friends Part 1 (vs. 16)

The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains; -2 Timothy 1:16

1. What contrast do you see in verses 15 and 16?

2. What 2 things did Onesiphorus do?

a. What kind of example would this be to Timothy in moving forward in his ministry?

3. Why would Paul be requesting the Lord grant mercy to Onesiphorus?

4. Are you going out of your way to refresh the body of Christ? What practical ways can you do this on a daily/weekly basis?

5. What is Paul's attitude in light of the hardships and rejection that he suffered?

a. Why did he have that attitude?

## Day 3 Faithful Friends Part 2 (vs.17)

but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me -2 Timothy 1:17

- 1. Where was Paul imprisoned?
  - a. Why would he have been hard to find?

2. In the political climate they were in (Nero's rule), what could Onesiphorus' service have cost him?

a. Are you willing to align yourself with faithful men even if it means you are deemed "an enemy of the state"?

b. What might identifying ourselves with a persecuted leader/church cost us today?

3. Using the "Literal Word App" or a dictionary, what is the fuller definition to the word "eagerly"?

a. What does this tell you about the heart of Onesiphorus? See Hebrews 13:3.

b. Are you zealously searching for ways to serve the body of Christ, even if it is at a great cost to you?

4. What effect did Onesiphorus' service have on the apostle Paul?

**Day 4** The Reward of Loyalty (vs. 18)

the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that day--and you know very well what services he rendered at Ephesus. –2 Timothy 1:18

1. Define mercy.

2. What day is Paul referring to here?

3. How do we know Paul had a relationship with Onesiphorus?

4. How can we more faithfully serve our leaders?

- 5. What are some of the ways that the Bible teaches us to view persecution?
  - a. 2 Tim. 3:12

b. Matt. 5:10-12

c. Psalm 23:4

d. John 16:33

e. 1 Peter 4:12-14

**Day 5** Review –2 Timothy

1. In your own words recap Chapter 1 and Paul's main points.

2. What has most impacted you from 2 Timothy Chapter 1

3. Are there any areas you have grown or changed in your thinking as you have studied this chapter?

4. What things have you put in place to live out Chapter 1?

5. Share with others what you have learned.

6. Chose a verse or two that you want to focus on in your life.

## **Dig Deeper**

Read a short (or long) biography of faithful men and women who have stayed the course.