

Passing the Baton, a Study of 2 Timothy – Lesson 22

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At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them. But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus. Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.

The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you. - 2 Timothy 4:16-22

Day 1 Verse 16

At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them. —2 Timothy 4:16

1. Which defense is Paul referring to here?

2. Why might there have been no one to support Paul at this time?

- a. MacArthur says that some of those that abandoned Paul may have been “weak-hearted” not “false-hearted”. What does this mean?

3. What is revealed about Paul’s character through his desire that “it not be counted against them”?

4. Where else in Scripture do we see similar language when speaking about their enemies and deserters?

4. Read Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23. Where might Demas fit into this parable?

Heart-Check

What would your response be if those you worked and ministered with suddenly deserted you in your greatest need?

How can Christ's words upon the cross help you to greater love those who have deserted you?

How can the thought of the weak-heartedness of your deserters help you to tarry with them even though they have wounded you?

How can the thought of the false-heartedness of your deserters help you tarry with them even though they have wounded you?

Day 2 Verse 17

But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion's mouth. —2 Timothy 4:17

1. How did the Lord stand by Paul? How did he strengthen him?

2. Where does our strength come from?

3. What do these verses teach us about the strength of God?
 - a. Exodus 15:2

 - b. Deuteronomy 31:6

c. Psalm 73:26

d. Isaiah 40:31

e. Isaiah 41:10

f. Mark 12:30

g. 1 Corinthians 16:13

h. 2 Corinthians 12:9

4. Read Hebrews 13:6. How might the promise given there strengthen you as you go through trials?

5. What is the “proclamation that might be fully accomplished”?

6. How was Paul’s ministry being fulfilled? See Romans 11:13.

Heart-Check

Where do you turn for strength?

What things do you turn to instead of Christ?

Day 3 Verse 18

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. —2 Timothy 4:18

1. Since Paul knows he faced imminent death, what does this verse tell us about how he will be rescued from the lion's mouth?

2. What does he mean when he says that God would save him from every evil deed?

3. What does he mean when he says that God will bring him safely to His heavenly Kingdom?

a. What is God's Kingdom?

b. Where will Paul be when he dies? Use Scripture to support your answer.

4. Why would Paul say, "to Him be the glory forever and ever" at this moment?

Heart-Check

What confidence can you have from this verse as you face trial and even death?

Day 4 Verse 19

Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. 20 Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus. –2 Timothy 4:19

1. Who are Prisca and Aquila? See also Acts 18:2-3, 1 Corinthians 16:19, Acts 18:24-26 and Romans 16:3-4.

2. What does the example of Prisca (Priscilla) teach us about the importance of women in the church?

3. The role of women in the church can unfortunately be a very hot and contentious topic. What do these passages teach us about the role of women in the church?
 - a. Acts 18:26

 - b. Romans 16:1

c. Galatians 3:28

d. Philippians 4:3

e. 1 Timothy 2:12

f. 1 Timothy 3:11

g. Titus 2:3-5

4. Why do you think that the role of women in the church is such a hot topic in our day?

5. Think back to lesson six: who was Onesiphorus?

Heart-Check

Onesiphorus was a great comfort and encouragement to Paul. Who can you be an encouragement to this week?

Day 5 Verses 20-22

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The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you. –2 Timothy 4:20-22

1. What conclusion might we draw from the fact that Paul did not heal Trophimus, but instead left him sick at Miletus?
2. How far of a journey was it from Ephesus to Rome?
3. What does Paul mean by “Grace be with you”?
4. Why do you think Paul so often ends his letters with “grace be with you”?

5. Looking back over the book of 2 Timothy, what were the major things that you have learned, and what will you do to make sure they are hidden in your heart?

Dig Deeper

1. Go back through all your lessons and remind yourself of all the Lord has taught you.

2. Start memorizing the next book we will be studying: Colossians!!