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The Lord Stands by Us
2 Timothy 4:16-22

Review:

1. Paul's departure is at hand (4:6).
2. He is asking for Timothy to provide some much-needed support (4:9-13).

Paul finds himself abandoned at an important time (v.16)

1. At his first trial, Paul found no support from his friends.

2 Tim. 4:16a At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me.

2. Paul forgave those that abandoned him.

2 Tim. 4:16b May it not be charged against them

Jesus did not abandon Paul (v.17)

1. Jesus faithfully provided what Paul needed.

2 Tim. 4:17a But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me,

2. Jesus' provision served not only Paul, but the greater mission.

2 Tim. 4:17b so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

3. Jesus oversaw the sufferings of Paul

2 Tim. 4:17c So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Acts 18:9 And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." 11 And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Paul maintained absolute confidence in the rescue and deliverance Jesus promised (v.18)

2 Tim. 4:18 *The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Heb. 13:5 *Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"*

Paul closes out his letter acknowledging other faithful friends (vv.19-22)

2Tim. 4:19 *Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. 20 Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. 21 Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers. 22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.*

Reflection/Discussion/Application

1. **Have you ever found yourself in a place of deep loneliness? How did you respond in that time?**
2. **Do you live with the confidence that the Lord stands by you? That nothing can separate you from him? What role does emotion or personal experience play in your confidence?**
3. **How does the example of Jesus inform Paul's process here? Read Hebrews 12:3. How does considering Jesus' suffering produce strength in your life?**

SONGS

"God So Loved" - Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash

"Graves Into Gardens" - Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, and Tiffany Hammer

"Be Thou My Vision" - Dallán Forgaill, Eleanor H. Hull

"10,000 Reasons" - Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

BUDGET

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