



12. Faithful New Friends

...Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers. The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you. 2 Timothy 4:21–22 (ESV)

Conclusion

1. **God gave each of the people on Paul's team different gifts and a different role to play. Everyone needed to faithfully play their position and use their gifts for the gospel to make progress. In the same way, God gave each of us at CrossWinds different gifts and different roles to play. The only way for the gospel to go forward is for all of us to play our part.**
2. **God does not just care about the faithfulness of our relationship to Him. He also cares about the faithfulness of our relationships with one another. That is the only way to finish well.**

Life Group Questions

1. Review your sermon notes and the above outline. What stood out in this message? What did you learn that you didn't know?
2. Of the people in Paul's network, with whom did you most identify? Why?
3. What role have other Christians played in your relationship with Jesus? Do you grow more on your own or with a friend?
4. Read 2 Timothy 4:17. In this verse, Paul tells Timothy how the Lord strengthened Him to share the gospel in front of hundreds (possibly thousands) of people when he was alone in his first Roman trial. How does knowing that God promises to stand with us and strengthen us, especially when it comes to telling others about Jesus, make you feel? See also 2 Corinthians 12:9, Matthew 10:19-20, and Psalm 37:39-40.
5. Flip through the entire book of 2 Timothy. What was your favorite part of the book? Why?

2 Timothy 4:9-22 – What Kind Of Person Am I In My Church?

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1. Timothy — The Faithful Son

Do your best to come to me soon. 2 Timothy 4:9 (ESV)

That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. 1 Corinthians 4:17 (ESV)

As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. 2 Timothy 1:4 (ESV)

2. Demas — The Unfaithful Deserter

For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. 2 Timothy 4:10 (ESV)

3. Crescens — The One Who Was Quiet But Capable

Crescens has gone to Galatia,... 2 Timothy 4:10 (ESV)

4. Titus — The Organizer And Equipper

...Titus to Dalmatia. 2 Timothy 4:10 (ESV)

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you.
Titus 1:5 (ESV)

5. Luke — The Faithful and Gifted Friend

Luke alone is with me... 2 Timothy 4:11 (ESV)

6. Mark — The One Who Failed, But Was Restored

Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.
2 Timothy 4:11 (ESV)

Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), Colossians 4:10 (ESV)

7. Tychicus — The Mailman Who Traveled For The Gospel

Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. 2 Timothy 4:12 (ESV)

8. Carpus — The Man Who Was Hospitable For The Gospel

When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. 2 Timothy 4:13 (ESV)

9. Alexander — An Enemy Of Paul And The Gospel

Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. 2 Timothy 4:14–15 (ESV)

For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." Hebrews 10:30 (ESV)

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."
Romans 12:19 (ESV)

10. The People That Are Missing When You Need Them

At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! 2 Timothy 4:16 (ESV)

But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 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. 2 Timothy 4:17–18 (ESV)

Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! Psalm 22:21 (ESV)

11. Faithful Old Friends

Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus.
2 Timothy 4:19–20 (ESV)