



2 Timothy 4:9-22 Partnerships

Re-Read:

At the end of this letter, we find an impressive list of names that came to mind as Paul came to the end of his ministry. We see that Paul valued partnerships in his ministry to the very end. He did not become despondent, but rather he continued to pray and serve up to the very point of his execution. Take some time to re-read the entire letter of 2 Timothy this week as a review. What are some of the main takeaways that you've had from this series?

Review:

Outline from Sunday's Sermon

- I. Friendships in Life
 - A. Friends that hurry (v. 9)
 - B. Friends that hurt (v. 10a)
 - C. Friends that help (v. 10b, 12-13)
 - D. Friends that heal (v. 11)
 - E. Foes that hinder (vv. 14-15)
 - F. Friends that honor (vv. 19-21)
- II. Reliance upon the Lord (vv. 16-18)
- III. Remembering a Legend (v. 22)

Respond:

- 1) Why do you think so many Christians fail to develop deep and meaningful relationships in the local church?
- 2) When you are in dire need, whom do you call? Who are your friends that "hurry"?
- 3) Have you experienced the pain of watching a friend walk away from the Lord? From ministry? How does 1 John 2:15-16 relate to this walking away?
- 4) Why do we need healthy partnerships in ministry? What happens if we try to go about things alone?
- 5) How was Timothy to deal with the threat of Alexander? Have you ever seen a situation in a local church where someone was a threat to the work of the ministry?
- 6) How are you encouraged by Paul's resilience demonstrated in vv. 16-18. Who was Paul's greatest source of strength?
- 7) Why is it appropriate to have Paul conclude his letter (and ministry) with "Grace be with you"?

Reflect:

How can you become a friend that hurries, helps, heals, and honors this week? Whom do you need to pray for that has hurt others through their departure of the faith? Who is a foe that hinders?