

2 Timothy -- The Last Words of the Apostle Paul

First Presbyterian Church of Bakersfield
2026 Feb-Mar Sermon Series Study Guide

2 Timothy 4:9-22 (NIV)

9 Do your best to come to me quickly, 10 for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. 11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. 12 I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. 13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

14 Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. 15 You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

16 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. 17 But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

19 Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. 20 Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus. 21 Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers and sisters.

22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.

The Lord Stood At My Side

OPEN

- If you had to sit in a jail cell for any length of time, what are three items (not people) from home you would want to have with you?
- Read 2 Timothy 4:9-22.

STUDY

- What do we learn about Paul's current situation from verses 9-16?
- What are his concerns? His needs?
- What is his hope in the midst of it all, according to vs 17-18?
- Look at the names of the people Paul mentions in this passage (vs 9-21). What do we know about them (where they are from, what they are doing, etc...)? What insight do they give us as to what Paul's ministry looked like at this time?
- Share about the kinds of people around you who nurture your faith.
- How about those who tend to tear your faith down (avoiding names so as not to gossip). How have you sensed the Lord standing at your side giving you strength (vs 17) in these relationships?
- Looking back at the whole letter, how does Paul's example inspire you to persevere and move toward an ever deepening and sincere faith?

PRAY

- Spend time in prayer thanking God for the lessons of 1 Timothy and for the people he has placed around us to help us grow in our faith!