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FOLLO**

+ *STAY FOCUSED*

DO YOU EVER SKIP OR SKIM THROUGH SOME PASSAGES IN YOUR BIBLE READING?



2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22

FINISHING WELL

- staying faithful in our relationships
- persevering in our daily walk
- relying on Jesus' presence to sustain us to the very end

FOLLOWING JESUS BRINGS VARYING RELATIONSHIP DYNAMICS

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.

2 TIMOTHY 4:9-12



once a co-worker in ministry
but has now abandoned Paul

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**CRESCENS
TITUS
TYCHIUS**

dependable partners in ministry





LUKE

(author of Gospel of Luke; Acts):
tough friend for tough times



MARK

(author of the Gospel of Mark):
had previously disappointed Paul,
but now a restored friend and
co-worker





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.

2 TIMOTHY 4:14-15





ALEXANDER

an opponent to Paul and the gospel

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.

2 TIMOTHY 4:19-21





Priscilla, Aquila,
Onesiphorus, Erastus,
Trophimus, Eubulus,
Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and
all the brothers and sisters:
ordinary, committed friends
and servants to God's work

As a follower of Jesus, you will encounter varying relationship dynamics.

Don't let disappointments make you bitter, cynical, or discouraged.

Instead, continue to extend the grace of Christ to others and be thankful for those who faithfully walk alongside you.



FOLLOWING JESUS INVOLVES CONTINUED DEVOTION AND DETERMINATION

¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

2 TIMOTHY 4:13



**This short verse shows Paul's humanness,
but also his steadfast devotion.**

**We too must persevere faithfully, keeping our
hunger to learn and serve Jesus until the end.**

FOLLOWING JESUS IS SUSTAINED BY HIS PRESENCE AND STRENGTH

¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me.

May it not be held against them.

2 TIMOTHY 4:16



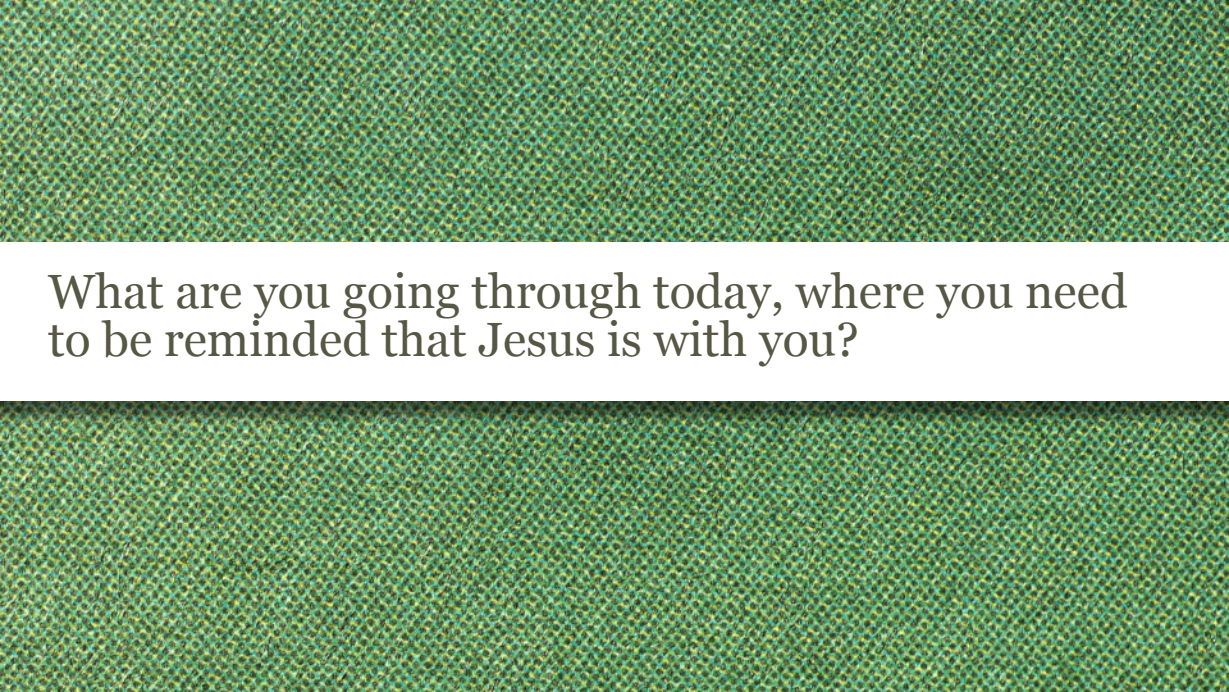
HOW COULD PAUL SAY THIS?

FOLLOWING JESUS IS SUSTAINED BY HIS PRESENCE AND STRENGTH

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.

2 TIMOTHY 4:17





What are you going through today, where you need to be reminded that Jesus is with you?

FOLLOWING JESUS IS SUSTAINED BY HIS PRESENCE AND STRENGTH

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.

2 TIMOTHY 4:18



Do you have this confidence – that with your last breath,
you'll immediately be in the presence of the Lord Jesus?