

SERMON NOTES

FAITHFUL WHEN WE FEEL ALONE

2 Timothy 4:9-22



BIG IDEA: When we feel alone, faithfulness means reaching out for help, letting go of resentment, looking up to God, and leaning in to bless those around us.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

Think of a time when you felt abandoned or alone. How did you respond in that moment? Did you reach out for help, or did you withdraw?

In 2 Timothy 4:9-22, Paul openly names the people who deserted him and those who remained faithful. Why do you think Paul mentions both? What can we learn from his transparency?

How does Paul's example in verses 17-18 show the power of trusting in God's presence when others let us down?

APPLY

When you feel alone or rejected, what is your default response? How does it compare to Paul's approach of "reaching out" to others?

Is there someone in your life you need to forgive or entrust to God, as Paul did those who deserted him or done him hard? What might it look like for you to "let go" of bitterness and resentment?

Paul found strength in God's presence during his trials. How can you develop the habit of "looking up" to God when you're under pressure?

Like Paul, how can you "lean in" to bless and encourage others, even when you're going through a hard season yourself?

COMMIT

Identify one specific action you can take this week to remain faithful in a situation where you feel alone or unsupported. Will you reach out, let go of bitterness, look up to God, or lean in to serve someone else? Share your commitment with someone who can encourage you in it.