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| **SERIES** | 2 TIMOTHY |
| **BIBLE** | 2 Timothy 4:9-22 |
| **TITLE/TOPIC** | The Power of Team or Learning the Dynamics of Team as We Rally on the Mission |
| **OVERVIEW** | We are meant to work in team, but we must realize that people will let us down at times. As we see through the Apostle Paul’s example, he operated with a team of people. As we see it wasn’t always easy but we can see how he responded to people leaving the team as well as those who opposed the message of the Gospel. Thus, our perspective should always be that even if we must stand alone, we ultimately rely on finding our strength in the Lord and keeping our focus on reaching others through the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **FOUR THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND AS WE MINISTER AS A TEAM:**   1. **THERE ARE SEASONS IN LIFE WHEN PEOPLE WE LOVE AND MINISTER WITH WILL LEAVE FOR VARIOUS REASONS. (v. 9-13)**   ***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.*   * **Demas -** *because he loved this world.* v. 10 * **Crescens** *has gone to Galatia* **and Titus** *to Dalmatia* v. 10   + No reason given for them leaving but maybe a different season or assignment from God.   In seasons of a church family and ministry team, God will always keep a few faithful people. (i.e. Luke)  Be generous in sharing members of your church and team in Kingdom work throughout other parts of the World or City.  Don’t be afraid to call out and invite others into the vision and work God has called you to.   1. **AT TIMES THERE WILL BE SOME THAT OPPOSE OUR GOSPEL MESSAGE AND CAN BRING US GREAT HARM SO BE ON YOUR GUARD.**   ***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.*  **Who was Alexander the Metalworker?**  It is believed that Alexander the metalworker is the same guy who is mentioned in **1 Timothy 1:20** as well as in **Acts 19:33**  **1 Timothy 1:20**  *20 among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.*  **Acts 19:33**  *33 Some of the crowd prompted Alexander, whom the Jews had put forward. And Alexander, motioning with his hand, wanted to make a defense to the crowd.*   1. **AT TIMES YOU WILL FEEL ALONE AND NOT SUPPORTED BY OTHERS AROUND YOU BUT KNOW THAT GOD IS WITH YOU AND WILL STRENGTHEN YOU.**   ***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.*   1. **MINISTER WITH BOLDNESS AND CONFIDENCE KNOWING THAT OUR LORD WILL RESCUE US FROM ATTACKS AND WILL ASSIST US IN OUR JOURNEY TILL THE END.**   ***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.* Final Greetings ***19****Greet Priscilla[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Timothy%204&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29890a)*] and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus.****20****Erastusstayed 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.[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Timothy%204&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29892b)*]*  ***22****The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.* |
| **GOSPEL** | **How does this sermon bring people to the Gospel?**  Working together in Mission as a Team is important because people need to see how the Gospel is fleshed out in the Church Family. How do we stay focused even through difficult times? How do we stay on mission even when our team suffers a loss or we face opposition from people who want to cause us great harm. |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Begin | Connect | Engage | Grow | Disciple  Challenge people to connect and engage in the mission of preaching the Gospel and making disciples.  Challenge them to join our team as we Rally here in Chicago. Roll up your sleeves and jump into the hard work of making disciples of Christ. |