

FINISH
STRONG
2 TIMOTHY

Staying Faithful to the End
2 Timothy 4:9-22

Read the Word

Read through 2 Timothy 4:9-22 in these versions of the Bible: NKJV/NLT. Read the Word out loud. As you read through these different versions of the Bible look for words and phrases that are similar and different.

Other Scripture: 1 John 2:15-17

STUDY THE WORD

1. Timothy was Paul's on in the faith. Why do you think that Paul wants Timothy to come and see him so quickly? Read Philippians 2:19-22 and discuss the character qualities of Timothy.
2. What does Paul say about Demas? What does it mean to be in love with this present world? Read 1 John 2:15-17.
3. In contrast to Demas, what was true about Luke and Mark?
4. What does it mean when Paul says, *"But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me?"* 2 Timothy 4:17

SHARE THE WORD

1. Demas deserted Paul. Desert means to abandon or quit. We are all vulnerable to desertion, but before Demas deserted, he drifted? Discuss drift, in what area of your life to you sense drift?
2. Worldliness is loving the values and pursuits of the world that stand opposed

to God. Where do you see the challenge of worldliness in your life?

3. We have all experienced people who hurt or disappointed us. Alexander was an individual who did everything he could to harm or hurt Paul personally. What do you learn from Paul about your response to those kinds of people? Share an example where you have been hurt by someone and how you overcame it.

4. What does loyalty and usefulness toward others look like for you?

5. Discuss the names of people who would be on your list and why.

PRAY THE WORD

1. Ask God to make you a faithful friend.
2. Confess your sin of worldliness.
3. Ask God for courage and conviction to finish strong.
4. Invite God to search your heart for any animosity or anger that you may have towards someone.