

## **Faithful Friends for Trying Times (2 Timothy 4:9-15)**

- The apostle knew the value of faithful friends, especially in trying times
- Years earlier he became discouraged, Titus encouraged him (2 Cor 7:6)
- Paul has already praised this kind of ministry: Onesiphorus (1:16-18)
- After his arrest most in the province of Asia deserted him (1:15)
- Here in the mud hole of a prison in Rome, no sign Paul is depressed
- Still this was a tough time for Paul & desired fellowship & continuance

### **I. Come Quickly (4:9-11a)**

- *Beloved Timothy*: My dearly beloved son (1:2) “your tears for me” (1:4)
- *Disappointing Demas*: Demas forsaken me, loved the present world (10)
- Once Paul honored Demas (great potential) (Phil 1:4; Col 4:14)
- *Dependable Luke*: “Only Luke is with me” (Col 4:14)

### **II. Bring Mark (vv. 11b, 12)**

- Mark: rich back ground- his mother’s house (Acts 12:12)
- Mark left Paul in Pamphylia (13:5,13) Paul & Barnabas dispute (15:36)
- Restoration: Col 4: 10; Phile 24; 1 Peter 5:13 – Paul: useful for ministry

### **III. Bring My Necessities (v. 13)**

- “Bring my cloak, and the books especially the parchments”
- “Do your utmost to come before winter” (4:21)

### **IV. Watch Out (v.14,15)**

- As Timothy & Mark travel, watch out for Alexander the coppersmith