

Deserted but not abandoned
2 Tim. 4:9-22; 2 Cor. 4:7-18

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Place: Faith EBC

- A. Being a loving spiritual dad to Timothy, vs. 9 cp. 2 Tim. 1:4; 4:21
- B. Being realistic in the midst of disappointments in life,
Deserted by some – Demas, vs. 10a
 - Demas – began well (Col. 4:14; Phil. 24). Beginning well is no guarantee that we will finish well.
 - o vs. 8 – longing or loving or anticipating the return of the Lord
 - o vs. 10 – loving this present age, cp. 1 John 2:15-17Having to leave others behind, Trophimus, vs. 20
- C. Being faithful as a leader, commissioning others vs. 10b, 12
 - Crescens to Galatia (modern day Turkey)
 - Titus to Dalmatia (modern day Croatia, Bosnia)
 - Tychicus to EphesusBeing faithful as a leader, warning others, vv. 14-15
- D. Being sustained and encouraged by loyal friends,
 - Luke the doctor, vs. 11a, cp. Acts 16:10ff.; Col. 4:14; Phil. 24.
 - Priscilla & Aquila, vs. 19
 - Onesiphorus, vs. 19
- E. Being refreshed at the thought of others maturing, Mark, vs. 11b
- F. Being encouraged by the words of the Lord Jesus, vv. 16-17
 - Although deserted, not abandoned, Heb. 13:5
 - Don't hold it against them, Luke 23:34
- G. Maintaining perspective as his faith will become sight, vs. 18
 - Rescue is inevitable, Phil. 1:21
 - Heading for the eternal Kingdom
 - All for His glory

Conclusion

Living for the Lord isn't without it's challenges.

Not everyone will mature.

Not everyone will persevere to the end.

Some will make mistakes and learn from their failures.

Some will be faithful until we leave.

Our lives are mixed with a variety of relationships.

Paul wanted to remind Timothy that life by enlarge is challenging and difficult, but this isn't all there is to life.

Eternity is just around the corner.

He is coming soon.