**The Race (2 Timothy)**

**A Race full of Teammates (2 Timothy 4:9-22)**

**Recap:**

* **What is expected of the Racers? (2 Timothy 4:1-8)**
  + **Embrace the charge to Preach the Word (vv. 1-2)**
  + **Acknowledge the Desperate Need to Preach the Word (vv. 3-4)**
  + **Expect Strong Resistance when Preaching the Word (vv. 5-6)**
  + **Anticipate the Glorious Reward of Preaching the Word (vv. 7-8)**
* **2 Timothy 4:9-22**
  + **Demas=Diy-mahs**
  + **Crescens=Cre-scens**
  + **Dalmatia=Dal-matia**
  + **Tychicus=Ty-chi-cus**
  + **Carpus=Car-pus**
  + **Onesiphorus=O-ne-si-phorus**
  + **Erastus=E-ras-tus**
  + **Trophimus=Tro-phi-mus**
  + **Miletus=Mi-le-tus**
  + **Eubulus=Eu-bu-lus**
* **Church we may feel lonely, but we are not alone. We have teammates. Today we will look at what we need to do when we feel alone and to know that we are not alone.**

1. **We may feel alone when we are doing the right thing (vv. 9-15 and 19-22)**
   1. **Do not Desert the Gospel for this present world.**
   2. **Lean on community**
   3. **Accept Suffering**
   4. **Pray for Boldness**
2. **We are not alone when doing the right thing (vv. 16-18)**
   1. **But The Lord**
      1. **Stood by me**
      2. **Strengthened me**
   2. **The Lord will**
      1. **Rescue me**
      2. **Bring me safely.**

**Conclusion:**

* **Paul is prepared to Sacrifice his life for the Gospel.**
* **He finds himself in a lonely position, but he is not alone.**
* **The Lord stood with him, strengthening him to proclaim the gospel so that all nations might hear.**
* **We might feel lonely as we feel lonely in our culture.**
* **But we are not alone. Jesus will strengthen us to complete the work He asked us to do.**