



PERSEVERE

HOW TO GO ON WHEN  
YOU WANT TO GIVE UP

— 2 TIMOTHY —

# “Partners For Perseverance”

2 Timothy 4:9-22

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**BIG IDEA: PEOPLE HELP US PERSEVERE**

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## 2 Timothy 4:9-15

<sup>9</sup> Do your best to come to me soon. <sup>10</sup> For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. <sup>12</sup> Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas.

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also the books, and above all the parchments  
<sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the  
Lord will repay him according to his deeds. <sup>15</sup> Beware  
of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our  
message.

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I. BUT NOT ALL PEOPLE ARE POSITIVE.

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# Three Types of People

Helpers	Haters	See-Ya-Laters
Timothy Luke Mark Carpus (Tychius) (Crescens) (Titus)	Alexander  “Did me great harm.”  “Strongly opposed our message.”	Demas  “In love with this present world, has deserted me.”

“Nero had cranked up the persecution to a high level and Christians were paying with their lives. And frankly, many believers had fled from Rome. And, you know, they might have had a reasonable motive to do that, to carry on the preaching of the gospel. It's not that they were all just cowards. But Luke didn't go. Everybody left... But not Luke, loyal, faithful, brave, long-term friend, fellow worker, companion to Paul, been with Paul over years and years and years, been with Paul over hundreds and probably thousands of miles...”

-McArthur-





## 2 Timothy 4:16-18

<sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

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**18** The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Customarily under Roman law accused prisoners underwent a preliminary hearing before their trial. At this hearing, witnesses could speak on behalf of the accused. In Paul's case no one had come to his defense. This was probably because when Rome burned in July of A.D. 64 Nero blamed the Christians, and from then on it was dangerous to be a known Christian in Rome. Neither local Christians nor Paul's fellow workers were willing to stand with the apostle. Paul hoped the Lord would not hold their failure against them.

-Constable-



## Psalm 16:8

“Because the Lord is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.”

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## 2 Timothy 4:19-22

<sup>19</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. <sup>20</sup> Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. <sup>21</sup> Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers. <sup>22</sup> The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

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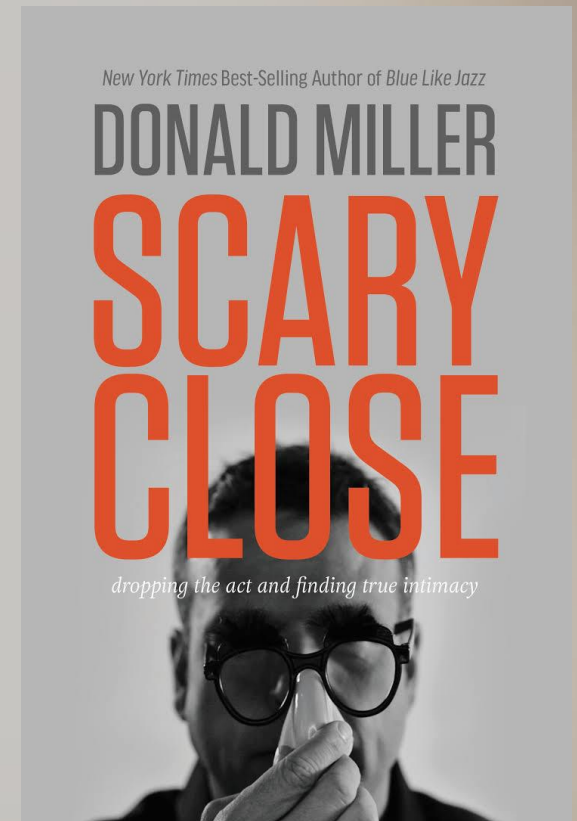
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*Greet* (Ασπασαι) - A salutation was made not merely by a slight gesture and a few words, but generally by embracing, a journey was slowed down frequently by greeting.



“In the next five years we will become a conglomerate of the people we hang out with. The article went so far as to say relationships were a greater predictor of who we will become than exercise, diet, or media consumption.”



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