

It was a dark and stormy night...

The Darkness of Disappointment
2 Timothy 4:9-22

- Disappointments come in all sizes and significance.
- Disappointments come when our expectations are not met.
- Disappointment is common to humanity.

Living Faithful in the face of Disappointments...

1st – Acknowledge the Disappointment but with Truth and Grace.

2nd – Stay focused on God's Purpose and Call for you.

3rd – Seek out Believing Friends to Support you.

4th – Let God's Truth and Grace strengthen you.

storylines prompt:

Take time to write out letter or spend time in prayer telling God about your disappointments. Spend time looking up verses that can help you with your area of disappointment. Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen you and give you peace so that you might continue to walk in faithfulness.



resource guide

First Five / Final Five:

⇒ Take the first five minutes of each day to READ God's Word, and the final five minutes of your day to REFLECT on God's Work in your life.

The Big Idea:

- In your own words, how would you summarize the main idea of the message?

From the Message:

- What is an area of disappointment you are struggling with right now? Do you identify with any of the disappointments Paul could of had?
- Have you thought through God's purpose for you in His Church and how that can help you refocus when you face disappointments.
- How can you work on strengthening your relationships with believing friends so that they can help you in times of disappointment.
- Why is daily walking in "God's Grace" vital to living faithful?

From the Passage:

- Paul said in verse 17 "But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength...." How have seen God stand by your side in disappointing times?

Think it through / Talk it over:

- Look back through 2 Timothy chapters 1-4 for verses that God could use to encourage you in times of disappointment? Which ones can you write down on a postcard and review weekly?
- What do you see as God's purpose for you in His Mission to "go and make disciples of all people"?
- How have you seen believing friendship help you walk in faithfulness in your life? What are some practical ways to live by God's grace in your life?

Take a Step:

⇒ Truth transforms us only as we take action. What is that one step you need to take?