

THEME: You are a supernatural, fruit-bearing child of God!

TEXT: 2 Timothy 4:19-21

“Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus. Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.

Introduction: Review of 2 Timothy - (c.f. 1:6,8,14; 2:1,3,5; 3:1,12,16-17; 4:2,5,7)

- Ministry is difficult and challenging and exciting!
- We are all called to ministry and to serve those around us.
- Scripture is our greatest tool and our most blessed weapon.
- God rewards His people based on diligence and obedience.
- The world may be against you but God is for you!
- Never give up. There is always more to be done.

I. Faithful Then Forgotten - (2 Timothy 4:19-21)

A. “Prisca and Aquila” - (c.f. Acts 18:2; 18-19, 26)

- (Romans 16:3-5) *“Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; also greet the church that is in their house.”*

B. “the household of Onesiphorus”

- (2 Timothy 1:16-18) *“The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains; but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me—the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that day—and you know very well what services he rendered at Ephesus.”*

C. “Erastus”

- (Romans 16:23) *“Erastus, the city treasurer greets you”*

D. “Trophimus”

- A native of the province of Asia, specifically the city of Ephesus, and had accompanied Paul from Greece to Troas (Acts 20:1-6).
- He was the unintentional cause of Pauls’ arrest for presumably bringing a Gentile into the Temple —>
 - (Acts 21:29) *“For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with him, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple.”*

- E. "Eubulus" - Unknown
- F. "Pudens" - Unknown
- G. "Linus" - Unknown
- H. "Claudia" - Unknown
- I. "all the brethren" - everyone else in the local church.

II. Lesser-Known Saints

- A. Onesimus - (runaway slave; c.f. Philemon 10-11; Colossians 4:9)
- B. Tabitha (a.k.a. Dorcas) - seamstress; raised from the dead (c.f. Acts 9:36-41)
- C. Barsabas - (Matthias was selected as an apostle instead of him; c.f. Acts 1:21-26)
- D. Phoebe - (one of the first deaconesses; c.f. Romans 16:1-2)
- E. John Mark - (c.f. Acts 12:12, 25; 13:5, 13; 15:36-40; 2 Timothy 4:11)

- God will use anyone for His glory, whether they be slaves or those born into the "right family."
- God can turn weakness into power and He can turn the sinful into obedient children of God.
- The God of the Bible is the God of second chances!
- God sees you as useful, not useless!
- Faithfulness comes in all shapes, sizes, genders, and spiritual giftedness.
- History may not remember your name, but God does!

III. God Knows Your Name - (c.f. Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5; 20:12; 21:27)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How has the book of 2 Timothy impacted you? Discuss and give examples.
2. Who has God used in a special way in your life? Give specific examples.
3. What are some "take aways" to be learned about why God has so many "Lesser Known Saints" listed in Scripture. (Give examples)
4. Discuss one person (other than Jesus) in the Bible whom you resonate with most, and why.
5. Is your name written down in The Lamb's Book of Life? Discuss how you know for sure or not.