

The Predicament, The Presence And The Promise

Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:16-18

Introduction

Throughout our Christian lives, we each go through periods when we are walking alone, with no friends to support us. When Paul was in this predicament, he discovered a Presence Who brought a promise.

I. Predicament

2 Timothy 4:16a At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me....

- A. The need for someone to be there
- B. The need for someone to help
- C. The despair of being alone

II. Presence

2 Timothy 4:17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

- A. God's presence came in hour of extreme need
- B. God's presence always comes for a purpose
 - 1. Deliverance from the lion
 - 2. Furtherance of the gospel

III. Promise

2 Timothy 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- A. The promise of future deliverance from evil
- B. The promise of preservation for the heavenly kingdom