THE LORD WILL STAND WITH YOU

II Timothy 4:16-22

Intro:

A. Paul had been arrested for preaching Christ and had been imprisoned.
    1. Initially, all forsook him.
    2. At this writing only Luke was with him.

B. Paul was aware that the Lord had stood with him
    1. **Vs 17 - "Not withstanding, the Lord stood with me..."**
    2. He was delivered.

C. The most vital lesson that we learn is that we can depend upon the Lord.
    1. He will never leave us, nor forsake us.
    2. He can deliver us.
    3. Why are you in trouble?

I. Paul's Trial And Burden. Vs 16

A. **"At my first answer no man stood with me,..."**
    1. "Answer" = απολογια = "a speech in defense".
    2. "Stood" = παραγινομαι = "to be along side of", "to support", "someone to stand forward in court on the prisoner's behalf".

B. **"...but all men forsook me:..."**
    1. "Forsook" = εγκαταλειπω = "to leave behind".
    2. At the first hearing of my case no one came into court to support me" - NEB "On the contrary they all deserted me" - MON

C. **"...I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge."**
    1. "Charge" = λογιζομαι = "to place to one's account"
    2. "May it never be charged to their account" - WMS
    3. The prayer of Stephen.
    4. The prayer of Jesus.

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II.   The Presence And The Purpose Of The Lord.   Vs 17

    A.   "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and
         strengthened me;..."
         1.   "Stood" = παριστημι = "to stand by one's side".
         2.   "Strengthened" = ενδυναμοω = "to empower".
         3.   But the Lord stood by me and empowered me
         4.   I Corinthians 10:13-14

    B.   "...that by me the preaching might be fully known, and
         that all the Gentiles might hear:..."
         1.   "Preaching" = κηρυγμα = "proclamation".
         2.   "So that through me the news might be given out in
              full measure" BAS "For the whole pagan world to
              hear" - NEB

    C.   "...and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion."
         1.   "Delivered" = ῥυομαι = "to rescue", "to draw or
              snatch for one's self".
         2.   "And I was rescued from the jaws of the lion"
         3.   Psalms 22:21 - "Save me from the lion's mouth..."
         4.   Daniel was "rescued".
         5.   As a Roman citizen, Paul would not be offered to
              the lions as a means of death.

III.   The Faith Of Paul In The Lord.   Vs 18

    A.   "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil
         work,..."
         1.   "Deliver" = ῥυομαι = "to rescue".
         2.   "Evil" = πονηρος = "active evil", "every kind of
              evil".
         3.   "The Lord will rescue me from every evil plot".
         4.   This had been the habit of Paul's life.
         5.   II Corinthians 1:8-11

    B.   "...and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom:..."
         1.   "Preserve" = σωζω = "to save", "to deliver".
         2.   "...and will bring me safe to His heavenly
              kingdom..."

    C.   "...to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

        1.   "To Him be everlasting glory".

        2.   "Glory be to Him through the ages never ending".

IV.   <u>People And A Plea</u>.

    A.   Paul recognized the influence of people in his life
        1.   **verse 19**
        2.   **verse 20**

    B.   He needed Timothy.
        1.   **verse 21**
        2.   We who are preachers need faithful support. We need ministerial companionship.