

*“Therefore confess your sins
to each other and pray for
each other so that you
may be healed”*

James 5: 16



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**“Everybody Needs Somebody”
2 Timothy 4:7-18**

Why are you here?

1. **The purpose of our lives is to give life to others—and that’s seldom _____ Painless _____.**

... which is why ... ***I have to keep telling myself:***

2 Tim 4:7-18

(7) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (8) Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing

What are your metaphors of life? For Paul it was a

_____ **Fight** _____ and a _____ **Race** _____ !

Ephesians 6:12

The Message: “This is for keeps. A life and death fight to the finish against the devil and all his angels.”

(9) Do your best to come to me quickly...

2. **Everybody needs Somebody.**

Even the Apostle Paul! We need people like Timothy around us, to love us, to affirm us. We need a community of grace ... and there will always be good people around you to cheer you on. We need each other as much as we need Jesus.

Philippians 4:13-14

(13) I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

(14) Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.

James 5:14-16

(14) Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.

(15) And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. (16) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Job 41 ... about Leviathan ... verses 15-17 -- *His back has rows of shields tightly **sealed together**; each is so close to the next that no air can pass between. They are joined fast to one another; they cling together and cannot be parted.*

Reminds me of the armor of God:

Ephesians 6:13-16 — “You together ...”

(13) Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. (14) Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, (15) and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. (16) In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

(9) Do your best to come to me quickly

Why? Because people are so difficult, and sometimes the greatest pain in life comes from the people we love the most, serve the most, work with the most closely—and try the hardest to help. People betray us, desert us, leave us standing alone...

(10) for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. (11) Only Luke is with me. Get Mark [the guy who deserted Paul earlier when he was younger and untested] and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. (12) I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. (13) When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

(14) Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. (15) You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message. (16) At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.

3. **The Lord Stands With Me!**

(17) But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. (18) The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



By Him ... Through us ... For Him