

**“The Lord Stands with Us”**  
2 Timothy 4:16-22

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2. Evil deeds (Psalm 56:11)
3. Safely to heaven (Revelation 14:13)

*How will you respond to trials and persecution?*

- I. The culture
  - A. **Nero**
  - B. **Christians**
    1. Christian scapegoats (fire of Rome)
    2. Atheists
    3. Cannibalism
    4. Sedition and treason
- II. Paul
  - A. Awaiting final trial
  - B. Felt **deserted** (v 16a)
  - C. Shows **grace** (vv 16b, 19-20, 21b)
  - D. Served God’s **purpose** (v 17b) (Acts 21:11-14)
  - E. **Praised** God (v 18c)
- III. The Lord
  - A. **Stood**
  - B. **Strengthened** (2 Corinthians 12:9)  
Accomplish purpose (2 Timothy 4:1-2)
  - C. **Rescued** (vv 17c, 18a)
    1. Lion

- IV. Timothy
  - A. Recipient  
**You** [su] - singular  
**Your** [humōn] - plural (us)
  - B. Come soon
  - C. Fellow minister (1 and 2 Timothy)  
“My son” (1 Timothy 1:18, 2 Timothy 1:2)

- V. Application  
*How will you respond to trials and persecution?*
  - A. **Jesus** (Luke 22:42)
  - B. Us
    1. God’s **provision** (1 Corinthians 10:13, Philippians 4:13)
    2. **Our** actions (Matthew 26:41)

Decide beforehand how you will respond. (James 1:2-3a)

*“The same Lord who prepared Paul for this epochal moment can prepare you as well. Trust Him. Receive His grace. Let him live through you. And let His grace give you peace - now and throughout the remainder of your days.”<sup>1</sup>*

**Next week: God’s will**

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<sup>1</sup>Living Insights, 1& 2 Timothy - Titus, pg. 276

