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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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The Ministry Of Discipleship (Pt. 2) (You Are Not Alone)

2 TIMOTHY 4:9-18 NKJV – (9) Be diligent to come to me quickly; (10) for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia. (11) Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry. (12) And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. (13) Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments. (14) Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. (15) You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words. (16) At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. (17) *But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. (18) And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!*

DISCIPLE – One who helps spread another's teachings.

Paul is in prison and virtually alone, only Luke is with him. Paul wrote two letters to Timothy. The purpose of these letters was to pass the torch to the new generations of church leaders. One of those new generational leaders was Timothy. Paul is passionately explaining who, what, where, why and how. Because this is Paul's last letter, it reveals his heart and his priorities – sound doctrine, steadfast faith, confidence, endurance and lasting love. Ministry isn't easy, but we all have been commanded to go out and make disciples. Again, it will not be easy, but Jesus assures us that He will be with us until the end of time. The reason I said that ministry is not easy twice was to inform newly trained disciples that there will be times when you feel you have wasted your time teaching to men and women. Paul went through the same process, but look at his attitude about those who betrayed the word. Remember, you are doing the work of Christ who knows all that you do. All glory is unto Him! This was the attitude Paul took on and proof of that is in verse 17 and 18.

Don't give up, don't never give up. Your work has not gone unnoticed. Most of all, "*You Are Not Alone.*"

SCRIPTURE READING

1 TIMOTHY 1:10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Tell God you need faith not to move a mountain, but to move you.

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