

## NEXT WEEKEND: STRONG GRACE FINALE

How do I live a life of purpose and fulfillment? How can I experience freedom and joy no matter what my circumstances? Don't miss this series wrap-up! Enjoy red, white, and blue snacks to celebrate the 4th!

## COMING SOON: NEW SERIES—LIGHTBULB MOMENTS

You'll hear from TLC pastors, members, and guests about their personal lightbulb moment with God! Prepare to be inspired!

## PRAYER UPDATE

### HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week

**Gary Barton** (Nelda and Pau Barton's son) appreciate the love and prayers concerning Gary's late stage colon cancer. Please continue to pray for them as they seek God's direction. For more details on Gary's journey go to [www.posthope.com](http://www.posthope.com).

**4 year old boy** with severe disabilities. Please pray for all the doctors at LPCH/Stanford as they continue to treat him the next couple of weeks.

**Rhonda Harmon** Karen Speelman's daughter had bypass and pacemaker surgery on June 24th. Please pray for Rhonda that she will have a complete recovery

**Stephan Sternat** Hip replacement surgery at Sequoia hospital in Redwood City on June 24th

**Liz Bishop** Please continue to pray for a complete recovery

### SHUT INS / HOSPICE CARE

Cookie Carson, Daisy Stocking, Elizabeth Harrell, Ellie Tefertiller, Eleanor Carrigan, Ellen Hylan, Estelle Weeks, Faith Carroll, Gerry Cutshaw, Gwen Johnson, Hayden Dryden, Helen "Tari" Sypherd, Jane Evers, John Symons, Judy Helmle, Lois Hanneman, Louis Schiavon, Lynette Baudour, Paul Seals, Nancy Shipley, Pammy Sue Heller, Paul Baker, Philip Mount, Ramona Bennett, Rosa Minuti, Sue Duxtater, Susie Price, Suzanne Scatena, Thelma Swain, Wayne Elliston, Winona McCormick

**A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.**



## 4 RELATIONSHIPS THAT WILL MAKE YOU... OR BREAK YOU

JUNE 28 & 29 // RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

In the last few verses of 2 Timothy, Paul mentions 19 people – his network of friends and co-workers. He updates Timothy on the state of the network. And he shows you and me how to handle relationships...

### 1. THE \_\_\_\_\_

“Do your best to come to me quickly, for **Demas, because he loved this world**, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.” 2 Timothy 4:9,10  
(See Colossians 4:14, Philemon 24)

### 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_

“Only **Luke** is with me.” 2 Timothy 4:11a

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT LUKE:

- Scholar (Author of Gospel of Luke and Acts)
- Physician (Colossians 4:14)

• \_\_\_\_\_  
(Colossians 4:10-14; Provided diverse insight for Jewish Paul)

### 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_

“Get **Mark** and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. I sent **Tychicus** to Ephesus. When **you** come, **bring the cloak** that I left with Carpus at Troas, **and my scrolls**, especially the parchments.” 2 Tim. 4:11b-13

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN INVESTING IN A FRIEND:

- Walking (Acts 12:25; 13:5)
- Feuding (Acts 13:13; 15:36-40)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Here and Colossians 4:10-14)

### 4. THE \_\_\_\_\_

“Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.” 2 Tim. 4:14,15

PAUL’S REACTION TO OPPOSITION

• Respond with God’s \_\_\_\_\_  
“At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. **May it not be held against them.**” 2 Tim. 4:16

• Rely on God’s \_\_\_\_\_  
“**But the Lord stood at my side** and gave me strength...” 2 Tim. 4:17a

• Remember God’s \_\_\_\_\_  
“...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. 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.” 2 Tim. 4:17b-18

### FINAL THOUGHTS

“Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus. Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers and sisters. The Lord be with your spirit. **Grace be with you all.**” 2 Tim. 4:19-22

**THE BOTTOM LINE** FOR PAUL: IT’S ALL ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_

### Resources used in the development of this message

Curt Harlow, Sermon on 2 Timothy 4:9-22 at Bayside Church, Granite Bay  
John MacArthur, “Friends and Foes”, sermon at Grace Church, Sun Valley

## DAILY MEDITATIONS

**MEMORY VERSE:** “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.”  
2 Timothy 4:18

**MONDAY:** Are you close to anyone? Call up someone today and set up a time to be together! Look back over your notes from this weekend. Is there a friend you need to forgive? Ask God for the wisdom and strength. Which of Paul’s responses to opposition is easiest for you? Which is hardest? Why? *Ask the Lord to help you make more time this week to develop healthy friendships.*

**TUESDAY:** Read John 5:13-15. What does Jesus say to His disciples about friendship? How is it possible for you to “lay down your life”—to sacrifice—for your friend? Do you remember when in your life you stopped thinking of yourself as merely a servant working for God and began thinking of yourself as God’s beloved friend—when you changed from law to grace? If God wants you as a friend, how can you be a closer friend to Him—what do friends do? *Thank God today that He chooses to call us friends! Spend some friendship time with God today!*

**WEDNESDAY:** Read 1 Corinthians 13. These are all apt descriptions of true friendship. Which of these adjectives is hardest for you in your friendships-- do you struggle with possessiveness? Envy? Keeping a record of wrongs? Have you ever seen these elements damage a friendship? Read the passage again, making it a prayer: *Pray, “God, in my love for my friend \_\_\_\_\_, I will...” and then read the descriptions of love here, applying them to your relationship.*

**THURSDAY:** Read Matthew 7:12. How does the Golden Rule spoken by Jesus here apply to friendship? In what ways does it apply to friendship with your mate? With your children? With your parents? Thank God for His clear principles like this. *Ask Him to help you keep this “Golden Rule” principle in your mind always. Ask Him to help you be a true, loyal friend!*

**FRIDAY:** Read Colossians 1:9-12. Intimate friends pray for one another. If you pray with your friend, you will always know what concerns him or her. What does Paul pray for his friends in these verses? When did you last pray with—not just for—a close friend? What needs does a close friend have right now that you can pray about? Can you call your friend and ask to pray with him or her? What has God done lately for your friend for which you can give thanks? *Pray today for your friend, using Paul’s prayer as a model! Thank God for what He is doing in the life of your friend!*

**SATURDAY:** Review the memory verse at the top of this page. Read through the whole book of Second Timothy. What major principles or ideas struck you during this study? Please pray for the prayer requests on this bulletin. And I really appreciate your continued prayers for the weekend services at TLC.