

# 2 Timothy 4v6-8 – Proclaiming the message through people



**1. What is striking or surprising to you about the way Paul finishes his letter?**

**2. Paul spends much of his time in these final verses talking about specific people. What does this teach us about his outlook and priorities in ministry?**

- Team game! Different personalities and gifts represented - blessing to him personally, and the ministry
- We know some of the back story of Mark - Acts 15:36-40 - he's restored! Second chances, grace
- Real warmth and love for his coworkers - quick to honour them

**2a. How can we value and invest in Gospel partnerships, as Paul has? What practical steps can we take? What might be the fruit of investment?**

**3. What has happened in Demas' heart and life (4:9–10)? How is he a contrast to Paul (4:8; note that the term translated 'longed for' in the niv is literally 'loved' in the original)?**

**3a. How is he a warning to us?**

**4. What is striking about Paul's request in verse 13? What does this teach us about his priorities?**

- He's cold... But mainly, he wants to study the scriptures and keep writing - even at the end of his life in prison

**6. Ultimately, what are the concerns and longings of Paul's heart (4:17–18)?**

- Finish the task of fully proclaiming the gospel
- He's ultimate concern is God's glory

**6a. How do we see his trust in the sovereignty of God as he considers the pain of opposition and the uncertainty of his own future?**

- He doesn't despair - even though feels the pain of isolation and desertion - he trusts God will do what he promised, and that he's working out his purposes

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**As you look back through 2 Timothy - what's encouraged you? Challenged you? Inspired you?  
Pray through those things**