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Sunday Morning, September 13, 2020  
Sermon Series - **END TIMES LIKE THESE #12**

**“Abandoned but Never Forsaken”**  
**2 Timothy 4:9-22**

Introduction:

In these closing verses of Second Timothy we find: reflecting on the realities of Christian Ministry (vv.9-16), reminder of God’s powerful presence in Christian Ministry (vv.17-18), and final farewell (vv.19-22).

- I. Reflecting on the Realities of Christian Ministry: 2 Tim. 4:9-16
  - A. There is loneliness in Christian Ministry (v.9)
  - B. There are colleagues in Christian Ministry (vv.10-13)
  - C. There are antagonists in Christian Ministry (vv.14-16)
  
- II. Reminder of God’s Powerful Presence in Christian Ministry: 2 Tim. 4:17-18
  - A. God’s conscious presence (v.17a, “*The LORD stood with me*”)
  - B. God’s conquering presence (v.17b, “*The LORD . . . strengthened me*”)
  - C. God’s confirming presence (v.17c)
  - D. God’s continual presence (v.18)

APPLICATION FOR TODAY:

- We must avoid pampering our disappointments.
- We must rejoice in the spiritual victories of others.
- We must never make room for vindictiveness toward others.

### III. Final Farewell: 2 Tim. 4:19-22

A. 4:19-20 –

B. 4:21 –

C. 4:22 –

### **Second Timothy's Emphasis on Successful Christian Leadership During the End Times:**

- Leadership Effectiveness (1:5-7) -
- Leadership Empowerment (1:7-8) -
- Leadership Reproduction (2:2) -
- Leadership Sacrifice (3:10-17) -
- Leadership Priorities (4:1-8) -
- Leadership Rewards (4:8) -

**NEXT WEEK: III. Final Farewells and Book Summary  
(2 Tim. 4:19-22)**