

Joy in Grief

Wisdom for a Young Head Coach

Week 24

II Timothy 4:9-22

Discussion Questions:

- How rewarding would it be for your mentor to send you a letter asking that you come see him quickly? (v.9) *Very much, it would be an indicator of his need for my presence and assistance.* Why would Paul want to see Timothy so urgently? *For encouragement, for fellowship, for assurance...*
- When have you encountered some lonely times in coaching like Paul in verses 9-12? *Tell us about the loneliest time in your career.*
- What coaching tools do you have that are as valuable to you as the items in verse 13 are to Paul? *Clipboards, playbooks, whistles, notebooks...*
- When have you been strongly opposed in your work, like Paul was in verses 14-15? *Opposed by a troublesome parent, an administrator, a sports writer...*
- Have you ever felt abandoned during hard times in your career? (vv.16-18) *No one to talk to during the long losing streak, staff jumping ship between seasons, family problems...* Where did you find strength to endure and to complete your mission? *In prayer, in your church, with close friends, with your spouse, in Bible reading...*
- In verses 19-22, Paul sends greetings to a number of his closest friends and associates. Who are some of your coaching associates that have become dear friends and brothers/sisters? *Tell us their names and what makes them special... There could be some of those in this group.*

Weekly Summary:

- If your mentor requests your presence, find a way to get there. It could be payday for you.
- Be ready for some strong opposition to come your way.
- If you're feeling abandoned, find new strength in friends and faith.
- Send periodic greetings to your close friends and associates who share in your labors.

Notes:

- Read the bible verse aloud at the beginning.
- The questions for discussion will appear in normal text like this.

- *Suggested answers, discussion hints and follow up questions will appear in italics like this.*

Bible Reference:

1 Timothy 4



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