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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