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Intro to 2 Timothy 4:21

One Christian author said, “It’s the nature of seasons to end.” There is both an ultimate and a lesser degree in which this is true. Ultimately, our life on earth is but a season, a mist that appears for a moment and then vanishes (James 4:14). None of us knows how many days we have been allotted. Thus, the ultimate things pertaining to repentance and faith in Christ must be dealt with in a serious and urgent manner.

To a lesser degree, however, there are various seasons that we enter and leave throughout life. You might be a student with seemingly endless opportunities—enjoying physical fitness and a zealous spirit. How might this season best be used to glorify God? Perhaps you’re a young mom with a monotonous routine of feeding and changing diapers. How can you make the most of this season? Perhaps you’re an empty-nester, suddenly finding yourself with a plethora of spare time and disposable income. Do you feel a sense of urgency to make the most of this time for the kingdom of God? In whatever season we find ourselves in, there is urgency to utilize our time for the glory of God and the good of others.

Context

This passage comes as something of an epilogue to the letter of 2 Timothy. The main body of the letter ends at 4:8. However, the life situation that Paul reveals in these remaining verses gives us significant context to his admonitions to Timothy to guard the good deposit and endure suffering. It is entirely reasonable to think that Paul was simply sharing with Timothy what God was teaching him in the waning moments of his time on earth. So, even in this section filled with names and details that are foreign to us in both time and culture, we can find important elements of discipleship that are applicable to us today.

Read and Reflect *(Use this section to write down any thoughts you had on the sermon. Make sure to note any questions you had about something in the passage or in the sermon.)*

Read 2 Timothy 4:21

“Now or Never”

Come!

9 Make every effort to come to me quickly...

11 Get Mark and bring him with you when you come.

13 When you come, bring the cloak...

21 Make every effort to come before winter...

I. Urgency in our relationships with people

II. Urgency in our relationships with God

Discuss

- 1) How would you describe the season of life that you're in right now?
- 2) What are you doing to make the most of your current season of life in your relationship with God before it ends?
- 3) What are you doing to make the most of your relationships with other people during this season of life?
- 4) Do you have any regrets about things you wish you would have done or done differently in past seasons of life?
- 5) How does the gospel impact the way you think about regrets in this life? (Specifically, the truth that God is making all things new and that we will have eternity to glorify God and enjoy relationships with one another)