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SERMON: Renew Your Relationships

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 4:9-18

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[9] Do your best to come to me quickly,

[10] for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.

[11] Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

[12] I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

[13] When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

[14] Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done.

[15] You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

[16] At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.

[17] But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

[18] The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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- God made you for relationships – with Him and with others.

2 You need to surround yourself with caring, encouraging people.

- You need to care and encourage.

3 You need to do the hard things to make your relationships better.

- *1 Corinthians 13:4-7* ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

- Repent/Apologize

- Forgive

- Encourage

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The Privilege of Prayer

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!

I learned to sing the hymn, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” as a child and teenager in church. I have never forgotten the words, especially these words, “What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.”

It is a privilege to pray—both to take our personal needs to God and to pray for others. As I write this, I have just had the privilege to join with one of the men of our church in praying for his wife.

Prayer for others is a great privilege. It is also a Christian obligation.

While we certainly pray for ourselves and for those close to us, we also have a responsibility to pray for the church and its mission around the world. Paul told the church to pray for all the saints, *With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints (Ephesians 6:18).*

Paul asked the church at Colossae to pray for him and his work. *And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should (Colossians 4:3-4).*

Would you join me in praying for the people around you? Would you also pray for the work of the church worldwide?

As for me, I will certainly not sin against the Lord by ending my prayers for you. And I will continue to teach you what is good and right (1 Samuel 12:23).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Benin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'W' and a long, horizontal tail.