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1 Thessalonians 3:5–8: ⁵ when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain. ⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love... ⁷ for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁸ For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord.

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2 Timothy 1:3–4: ³ I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.

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2 Timothy 4:9: Do your best to come to me soon.

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“As always, his plans for the future were subject to the wishes of his Lord and master and were made ‘in the Lord.’ Hence, he could rest easy without worry. The problem of his future was not his to solve, but his Lord’s.”

— Gerald Hawthorne

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2 Timothy 1:5: I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and now, I am convinced, is in you also.

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Luke 6:40: "Everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher."

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1 Corinthians 4:17: That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ...

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Philippians 2:3–4: ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

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Philippians 4:6: Do not be anxious about anything.

2 Corinthians 11:28: ...my anxiety for all the churches.

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1 Peter 5:6: cast all your anxieties on him...

Galatians 6:2: Bear one another's burdens...

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“It is such a rare thing to find a man like Timothy who is really anxious to promote the welfare of other people, and to give himself to a fatiguing journey and to the resolving of personal quarrels in the Philippian church. This would be a delicate issue to handle, calling for tact, wisdom and patience... Timothy's task will be unenviable; and especially for a young man (1 Tim. 4:12), physically weak (1 Tim. 5:23) and temperamentally reserved (1 Cor. 16:10).”

— Ralph Martin

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2 Timothy 3:10–11: ¹⁰ But you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, and endurance, ¹¹ along with the persecutions and sufferings that came to me...

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James 1:2–3: ² Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

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Philippians 2:7: he emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant.

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Romans 5:3–4: we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope...

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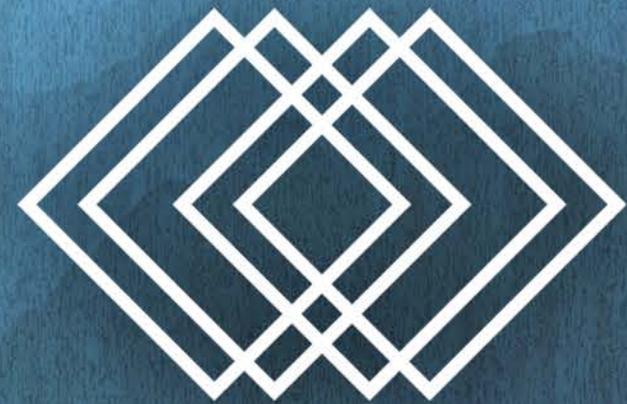
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