

“The Fellowship Demand” by Kirk Hunt

At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.

2 Timothy 4:16 KJV

The Apostle Paul wrote more than once about the dangers, hardships and traumas of his Christian journey. He wrote of beatings, stonings, and miscellaneous murder attempts in an almost off-hand manner. He did not seek these attacks, but that he had learned to take them in stride.

It seems that he never quite got the hang of being alone. “Brutal beating? If it’s for the Cross.” “No fellowship? Not *that!*”

Paul could pray and angels (Acts 27:23) would appear. Despite that level of connection with God, he avoided being alone. More than any other hardship of his ministry. In this verse, he pre-forgave those who did not stand with him. In other passages, he named names.

Fellowship is not just laughter and shared meals. Real fellowship is something deeper. All too often, it requires shared sacrifice and joint labor.

Fellowship is part of the Christian walk. It some times requires giving generously. Just as often it requires the humility to receive. Who do you fellowship with?

Think: Fellowship is part of the Christian walk.

Pray: “Lord, help me to connect with other Christians, to give and receive.

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