

Life In Community Series
A Community of Disappointment and Hope
2 Timothy 1:15-18

- I. People, Even Christians, Will Let You Down (15)
 - A. “All in Asia turned away from me”
 - 1. A huge fallout against Paul and his work
 - 2. Not the whole of Asia – many still helped and supported him
 - B. No information about Phygelus and Hermogenes
 - 1. We want to have it: not so much to learn from it, but because we are greedy for the juicy tidbits of life
 - 2. Apparently these men and their actions were known to Timothy – he didn’t need the back story
 - 3. Their inclusion in the letter is to warn the other Ephesians about them
 - C. People – even those in and of the faith – will not always be what they ought to be
- II. People, Even Christians, Will Lift You Up (16-18)
 - A. Onesiphorus
 - 1. Risked his life to be a blessing to Paul
 - 2. Ministered to him at the hardest time in the hardest place
 - B. Not the role of everyone at every time and place
 - C. People – even those in and of the faith – will sometimes be more than you expect them to be
- III. Filtering Our Relationship Expectations Through The Life Ministry of Jesus
 - A. The “Negative” Side
 - 1. Jesus didn’t heal everyone every time

- 2. Jesus didn’t transfigure himself for all 12 disciples
 - 3. Jesus didn’t do all the “public work” himself – he eventually gave it over to others to do
 - 4. Jesus was personally cautious and taught his disciples the same caution of feebly attempting to live up to everyone’s expectations
- B. The “Positive” Side
 - 1. Jesus helped many, often working day and night for the well-being of others
 - 2. Jesus did have those he was closest to (Peter, James, John)
 - 3. Jesus’ care and concern reached out across typically dividing lines (politics, religious perspective, etc.)