

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

MORNING MESSAGE

"God's Hero Before Nero"

2 Timothy 4:16-18

I. GOD'S ABANDONED HERO (v.16)

A. Paul was forsaken (v.16a)

B. Paul was forgiving (v.16b)

Luke 23:34, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do"

Acts 7:60, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge"

Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint"

II. GOD'S ATTENDED HERO (v.17)

A. The Lord stood with Paul (v.17a)

Matthew 28:20, "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"

Hebrews 13:5, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee"

Acts 23:11, "And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome"

Acts 27:23-24, "For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar"

B. The Lord strengthened Paul (v.17b)

Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me"

Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ: for it is the power of God"

C. The Lord spoke through Paul (v.17c)

Acts 24:24-25, "concerning the faith in Christ. And he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment"

Acts 26:23, "that Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead"

D. The Lord saved Paul (v.17d)

III. GOD'S ASSURED HERO (v.18)

A. It was a prospective assurance (v.18a)

- B. It was a preserving assurance (v.18b)

Romans 8:38-39, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"

- C. It was a praising assurance (v.18c)