

**Jesus' Ministry to His Servants – 2 Timothy 4:16-18**  
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In his final testimony, Paul recounts what the Lord Jesus did and is doing for him because he is His servant. His words are a tremendous encouragement to us as believers who would faithfully render service to Christ, for they teach us that Jesus ministers to His servants in at least *two assuring ways*:

1. Jesus strengthens His servants (16-17a).
  - a. He strengthens us by standing near even if others forsake.  
*...no one stood with me... but the Lord stood with me.*
  
  - b. He strengthens us as we minister for His sake.
    - (1) We are the *channels* of His ministry.  
*...so that the message might be preached...through me.*
  
    - (2) Others are the *objects* of His ministry.  
*...so that...all the Gentiles might hear.*
  
2. Jesus delivers His servants (17b-18).
  - a. He delivers us with respect to this age.
    - (1) He rescues us from death.  
*I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.*
  
    - (2) He rescues us from the attacks of the enemy.  
*The Lord will deliver me from every evil work...*
  
  - b. He delivers us with respect to the age to come.  
*The Lord...will preserve me for His heavenly kingdom.*