**Persevere to the end (2 Tim. 4:9-22)**

*Seeking a friend for the end of the world*

Simply final “personal remarks”?

He hasn’t stopped encouraging!

**Persevere to the end, even when there’s unfaithfulness (v.9-10)**

Demas: a snapshot of his life (Philemon 23-24; Col. 4:14)

A good start is not a guarantee of a good finish

“loved this world”

**Persevere to the end, even when there’s opposition (v.14-15)**

Alexander

The heretical challenger, not the pagan persecutor (whom Paul is most worried about)

i. Leave judgement to the Lord

ii. Guard against people like Alexander

**Persevere to the end, even when there’s disappointment and isolation (v.12-13, 16-18)**

Isolated Disappointed

The grace of God at work

He wants books!

**Persevere to the end, because there are other faithful gospel partners (v.11, 19-22)**

Luke

No lone ranger

Mark

A faithful God