

Message Notes Pastor Steve Durand

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Bible Focus: 2 Timothy 1:15-18

Series: Rock Solid **Message Title:** The Ministry of Refreshment

2 Timothy 1:15-18 – ¹⁵You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. ¹⁷On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me. ¹⁸May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus.

Three countercultural and Christ-like ways to refresh other believers:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

2 Timothy 1:15-18

1. Read 2 Timothy 1:15-18. Why do you think Paul chose to single out Phygelus and Hermogenes for deserting him? What ramifications might their desertion have had on Paul, but also on the advancement of the gospel?
2. What are some of the various ways that Onesiphorus refreshed Paul? Why do you think Paul chose to single out Onesiphorus? What ramifications might his ministry have had on Paul and on the advancement of the gospel?
3. Why would Paul pray for Onesiphorus to find mercy from God? Why would someone as generous and faithful as Onesiphorus need God's mercy? If anyone needed God's mercy, wouldn't it be Phygelus and Hermogenes?
4. Do you have someone in your life whom you would call spiritually "refreshing"? What, specifically, is it about that person that makes them so refreshing?
5. When was the last time you were in a position to encourage or refresh someone in need? How did you respond?
6. Do you think that churches and Christ-followers, generally speaking, are known for being refreshing? Why or why not?
7. Do you feel that there is a limit to how far a Christ-follower should be willing to go in order to encourage and refresh others? Why or why not?
8. Paul affirmed Onesiphorus for his refreshing ministry. Who is someone you need to verbally affirm or thank for how they have refreshed you?