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Text: 2 Timothy 4:19-22

As we grow older, we will have fewer friends and we hold these people dear to our heart. God made us as social creatures because we are left here on earth to be a blessing to our friends. This can be seen in the example of David and Jonathan who encouraged each other to fulfil God's will in their lives.

1. In Paul's final words, he mentioned several names of his co-laborers who were a great spiritual help to him. There must have been a long list, but Paul specifically mentioned these names of those who impacted him greatly. Timothy and others were to salute them and take good care of them.
2. The first one to be mentioned was the couple, Aquila and Priscilla, who were not ashamed to be associated with Paul despite persecutions. Likewise, all of us need good trustworthy friends to help us as we all strive to serve God with our best. But in order to have such a friends, we must first be such a person. Nothing must stop us from choosing godly friends and enjoying sweet company with them.
3. The next person mentioned was Onesiphorus, who went to Rome and diligently sought for Paul. He associated with Paul at his weakest state in prison and also opened his home for Paul to stay in. Paul also mentioned other individuals whom he cherished like Erastus and Trophimus who were his helpers in the ministry.

*Our church friends are not just friends,
but also our family who will walk this pilgrim journey with us*