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Topic: Have you been Forsaken?

Text: 2 Timothy 4:16

1. To be forsaken is a terrible experience because you feel all alone, unwanted and rejected. As a result, you may become hopeless and even suicidal. People try to get rid of such feeling by pretending to be happy on social media, but inwardly they are depressed.
2. Paul experienced what it meant to be alone when he defended Christ. The Sanhedrin council did not want to accept the fact that they crucified the Messiah, and tried to send Paul to be imprisoned. So Paul had to speak up and explain that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is real. He had to stand before Caesar all alone. Other Christians forsook him out of fear for their lives.
3. As Christians, we will also need to stand up for Christ. Jesus says that if we are ashamed of Christ, then He will also be ashamed of us in front of God the Father. For those who are not yet baptised, do it for Jesus' sake even if others oppose you. Don't be afraid of being forsaken and to stand alone for Christ and His Word. Others can take everything from our lives away but not God.
4. Paul prayed that God will not charge those who forsook him. This shows that Paul did not feel alone. God was with him to strengthen and encourage him. Jesus Christ is our prime example when He went to the cross and died alone.

**When the time comes to stand alone, don't fail our Lord Jesus Christ**