

Growing Together in God's Grace

"Why do you think Luke listed the names of Paul's traveling companions, a few of whom we don't see mentioned anywhere else in the New Testament?" our Bible study leader asked us.

We were studying Acts 20 and we remembered that the apostle Paul, from the time he was converted until his death, endured being hated, misunderstood and threatened. In 2 Corinthians 7:5-6, Paul writes, "For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus."

What made the difference to Paul was a brother coming alongside him. In all of his struggles, perhaps the worst thing was to feel like he was alone. The presence of a friend like Titus brought him much comfort.

Our Bible study leader went on to encourage us that our presence of being together as fellow believers is powerful. Just by being there for one another we are making a difference, just as Paul's friends were there for him.

We decided Luke listed Sopater, Secundus and the others in Acts 20:4 because Paul might not have made it without them! It isn't just the popular or famous people who are important. Each one of us has a powerful role to play and sometimes it's just with our presence.

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Call to Worship *Sounds of Hope*

Invocation *Don Mauldin*

Sing Unto the Lord
Hymn #52 Blessed be the Name

Welcome and Announcements *Ron Marks*
Recognition of Guests
Mission Moment
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song
Hymn # 118 His Name is Wonderful
Hymn #83 There's Something About That Name

Offertory Prayer *Craig Alexander*

Offertory *Rose Morgan*

Special Music *Sounds of Hope*

Praise by Piano *Rose Morgan*

Softly and Tenderly *Hymn #479*

Just As I Am *Hymn #488*

Amazing Grace *Hymn #343*

Just a Closer Walk with Thee *Hymn #564*

It is Well With My Soul *Hymn #705*

How Great Thou Art *Hymn #147*

Jesus is Lord of All *Hymn #519*

My Tribute

Benediction *Don Mauldin*

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This month's ministry is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

