



Hardship & Faith

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A background image of a mountain range with a white mountain icon above the text.

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“Loneliness”

2 Timothy 4:9-16

⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

2 Timothy 4:9-16

¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

2 Timothy 4:9-16

¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵ You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

2 Timothy 4:9-16

¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.

REJECTION:



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2 Timothy 4:9,10a

ISOLATION:



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¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

2 Timothy 4:13

BETRAYAL:



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¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done.

¹⁵ You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

2 Timothy 4:14-15

ABANDONMENT:



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¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support,
but everyone deserted me.

2 Timothy 4:16a

A photograph of a vast mountain range under a hazy, overcast sky. The mountains are layered, with the closest peaks in the foreground appearing in shades of dark blue and green, while the distant peaks fade into a pale, misty grey. The overall atmosphere is one of solitude and vastness. Centered across the middle of the image is the text "How did Paul cope with such loneliness?" in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

How did Paul cope with such loneliness?

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**He valued the trusted
friends that he still had.**



2 Timothy 4:9,10b,12

⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly...

¹⁰ Crescent has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia...

¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

How did Paul cope with such loneliness?

**He was willing to give those who
let him down a second chance.**



2 Timothy 4:11

11 Only Luke is with me. **Get Mark** and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

2 Timothy 4:16

16 At my first defense, no one came to my support,
but everyone deserted me. **May it not be held
against them.**

How did Paul cope with such loneliness?

**He ultimately trusted God's
friendship over human loyalty.**



2 Timothy 4:17

17 But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

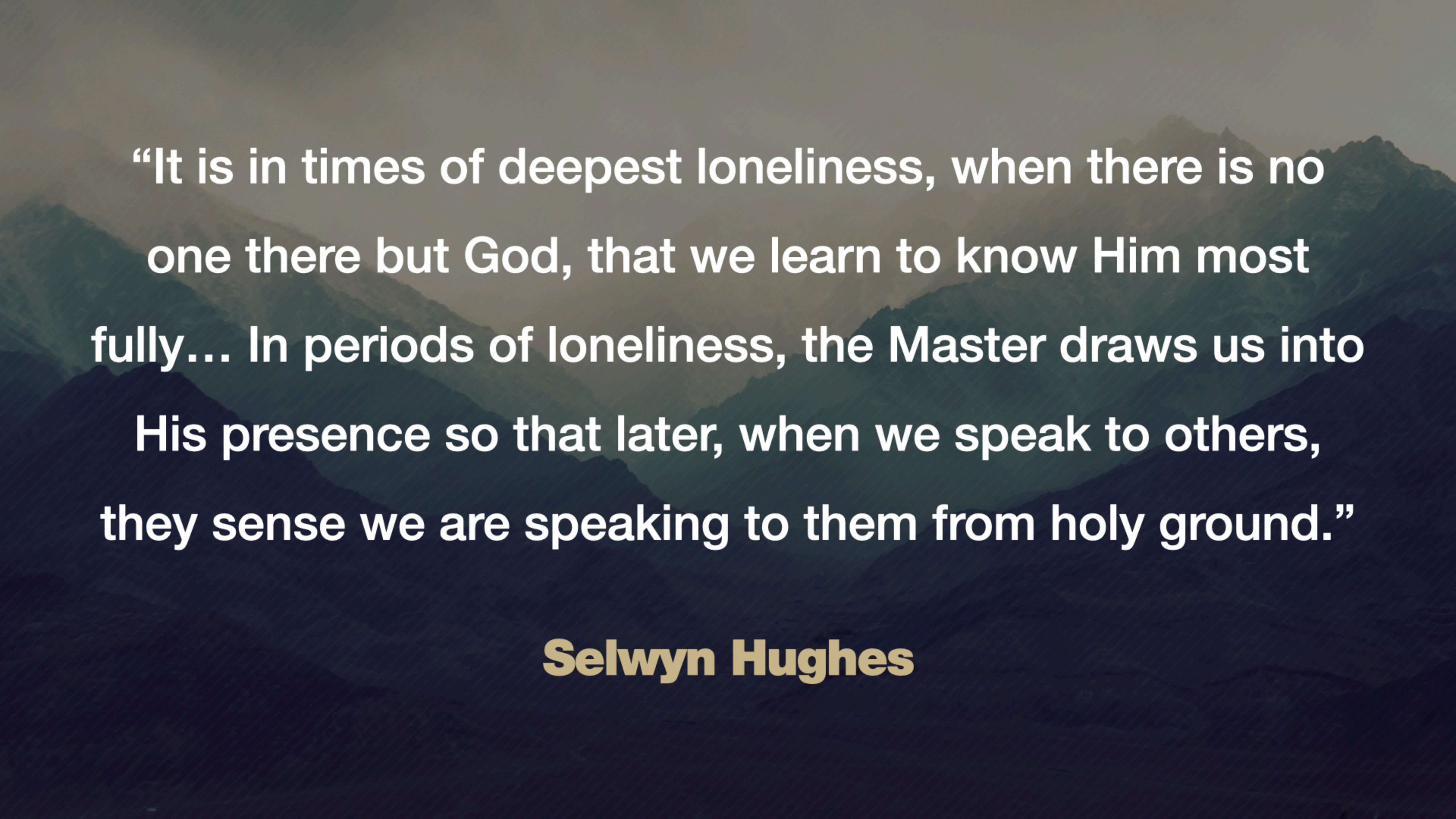
A misty mountain landscape with the text "The Lord 'stood at my side'" overlaid. The mountains are layered, with the foreground being dark and the background being lighter and more hazy. The text is in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and slightly above the middle vertically.

The Lord “stood at my side”



The Lord “stood at my side”

The Lord “gave me strength”



“It is in times of deepest loneliness, when there is no one there but God, that we learn to know Him most fully... In periods of loneliness, the Master draws us into His presence so that later, when we speak to others, they sense we are speaking to them from holy ground.”

Selwyn Hughes

18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Timothy 4:18



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