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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.

16 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. 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. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. 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.

19 Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. 20 Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus. 21 Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers.

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They all deserted him! Alexander persecuted him but his friends just fled! He's alone...

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Paul, like Jesus and Stephen (and countless others) forgave his tormentors. True Grace.

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The Lord stood at my side and gave me strength! Likely 'deny Christ or...'. He held firm.

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It was so that through Paul the message (Gospel) might be fully proclaimed; all Gentiles...

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I was delivered from the lion's mouth, I will be rescued and He will bring me safely Home!

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All glory goes to Him, the Lord Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen, and Amen!

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Likely converts by Paul, followed/served Paul even risking their lives. Quietly led Apollos.

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Paul honored him highly. Served Paul, unashamed of his chains. He prayed mercy on him.

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Paul left him at Miletus sick. The 'sign gift' of healing was passing. No longer needed.

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This would be Paul's epitaph. Grace be with you! Salvation by grace alone...Eph.2:8-10