

Philemon 1:7-12



⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. ⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— ¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you.

Philemon 1:16



¹⁶No longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

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PHILEMON

The backdrop to the book of Philemon has Three Key Characters in the Story:

Philemon – A wealthy Christian in Colossae; hosts the church; a slave owner.

Onesimus – A runaway slave who stole from Philemon; name means “Useful.”

Paul – The apostle imprisoned in Rome; spiritual father to both.

There Are Two Ingredients Needed For Reconciliation To Take Place:

- **Repentance**
- **Grace**





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Philemon 1:12

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you.



Repentance

**A change in actions, not
just words.**



Repentance Requires
Returning.



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True Repentance Requires Action.



But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

Luke 19:8



James 5:16

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.



**Some of us want Healing without
Confession.**

**Some of us want Reconciliation
Without Humility.**





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**You Can't Have True
Freedom While Running.**



Repentance, Grace &

Reconciliation

**Freedom isn't found in escape, it's
found in restoration.**

Grace Is Greater Than Mercy:

**Mercy = not giving what someone deserves
(punishment).**

**Grace = giving what someone doesn't deserve
(restored relationship).**

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Philemon 1:18–19

¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self.



2 Corinthians 5:18 - 19



All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.



THE CLEAREST EVIDENCE OF
THE GOSPEL IN YOUR LIFE IS
HOW YOU TREAT PEOPLE
WHO'VE WRONGED YOU.



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Romans 12:18

If it is possible, as far as it depends
on you, live at peace with everyone.



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