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The Letter to Philemon

Written by: _____, an apostle

Written to: _____, a slave owner

Concerning: _____, a runaway slave

Lessons from a Changed Life

1) Don't _____ your problems, _____ them
Philemon 1:12; 2 Chronicles 20:15,17

YOU CAN DO ONE OF THREE THINGS WITH YOUR PROBLEMS...

a) _____ it

b) _____ it

c) Let God _____ it

2) Don't focus on what _____, but on what _____
Philippians 3:13; Philemon 1:11

Ephesians 5:8 says, "For you (formerly) were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord."

Colossians 1:21-22 says, "Once you (formerly) were alienated from God... But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death..."

Ephesians 2:12-13 (NLT) says, "(Formerly) You lived in this world without God and without hope. But now you belong to Christ Jesus..."

“POTE DE NUNI”

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier and to the church that meets in your home:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. ⁶I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. ⁷Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints.

⁸Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹yet I appeal to you on the basis of love. I then, as Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—¹⁰I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

¹²I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel.

¹⁴But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do will be spontaneous and not forced.

¹⁵Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good—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 man and as a brother in the Lord.

Philemon (verses 1-16 in NIV)