

BETTER IN CHRIST
KNOW GOD
Philemon
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1. RESTORATION _____ OUR FAITH

*** RECOGNIZE THE _____ NOT THE _____**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother: To Philemon our dear friend and coworker, 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. Philemon 1–3

*** ALWAYS START WITH _____**

⁶I pray that your participation in the faith may become effective through knowing every good thing that is in us for the glory of Christ. ⁷For I have great joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother. Philemon 6–7

2. RESTORATION IS _____

*** BE _____ IN FAITH**

⁸For this reason, although I have great boldness in Christ to command you to do what is right... Philemon 8

¹⁰appeal to you for my son, Onesimus. I became his father while I was in chains. ¹¹Once he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me. Philemon 10–11

²⁸There is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; since you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

*** OWN YOUR _____**

¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that in my imprisonment for the gospel he might serve me in your place. ¹⁴But I didn't want to do anything without your consent, so that your good deed might not be out of obligation, but of your own free will. Philemon 13–14

³¹The one who oppresses the poor person insults his Maker, but one who is kind to the needy honors him. Proverbs 14:31

²²Slaves, obey your human masters in everything. Don't work only while being watched, as people-pleasers, but work wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. ²³Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, ²⁴knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:22–24

Masters, deal with your slaves justly and fairly, since you know that you too have a Master in heaven. Colossians 4:1

*** SEEK A _____**

¹⁵For perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a brief time, so that you might get him back permanently, ¹⁶no longer as a slave, but more than a slave—as a dearly loved brother. He is especially so to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. Philemon 15–16

...that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

¹⁷So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would me. ¹⁸And if he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. Philemon 17–18

⁴⁰“... ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25:40

²¹Since I am confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. Philemon 21

*** _____ DON'T HAVE TO DEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP**

²²Meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me, since I hope that through your prayers I will be restored to you. Philemon 22

⁹If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9–10

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