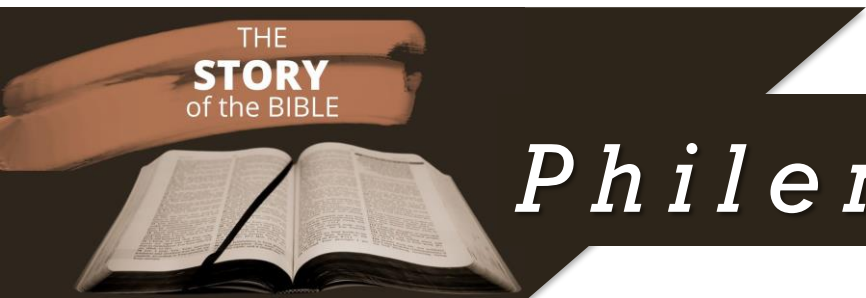


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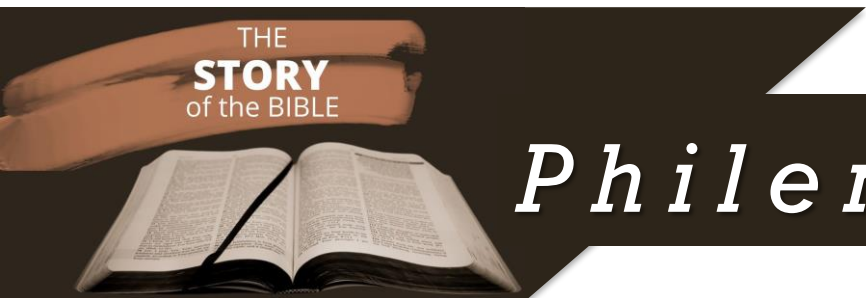


Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:



Philemon 1-2 (NIV)

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



Philemon 1-2 (NIV)

I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to
you.

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Philemon 12 (NIV)

We are to do what is right regardless of the cost.

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Paul recognizes that we must deal with our past
before we can move on with our future.

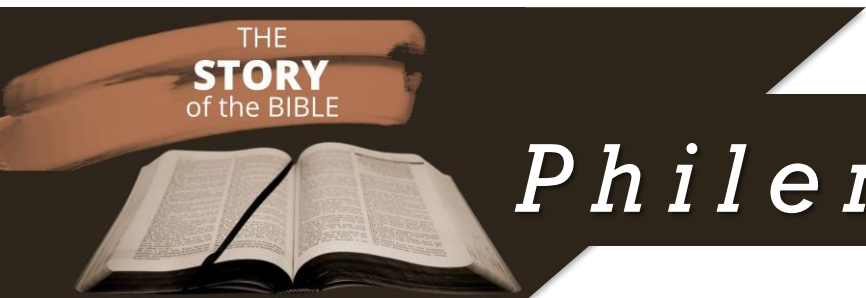


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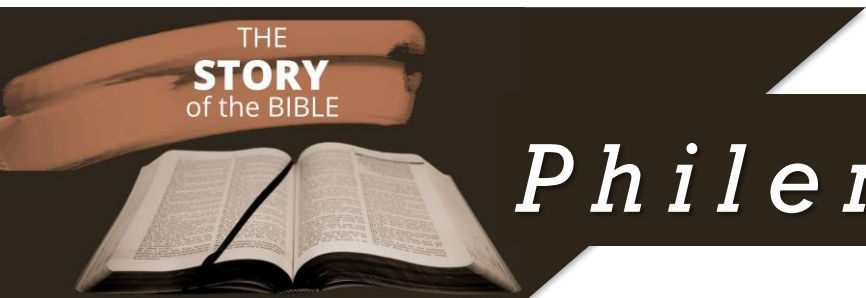


I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus.



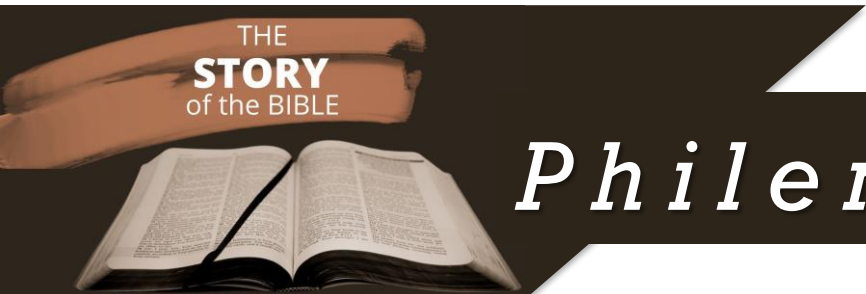
Philemon 4-7 (NIV)

I pray that your **partnership with us** in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of **every good thing we share** for the sake of Christ.



Philemon 4-7 (NIV)

Your love has given me great joy and encouragement,
because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the
Lord's people.



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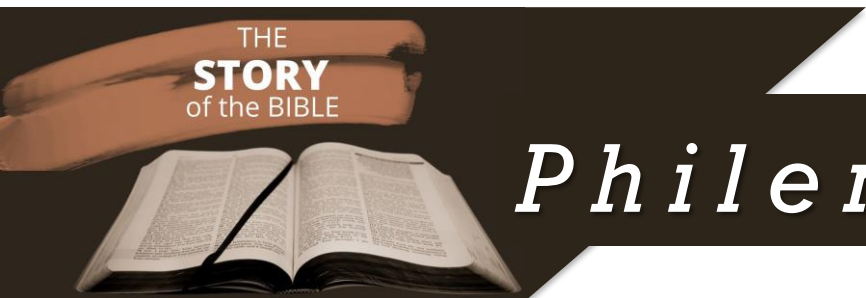
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Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—



Philemon 8–9 (NIV)

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Point out the benefits of doing the right thing

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that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. **Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.**



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Philemon 8-9 (NIV)

Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—no 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 15–16 (NIV)

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I'm doing the right thing and I expect you to do the
right thing

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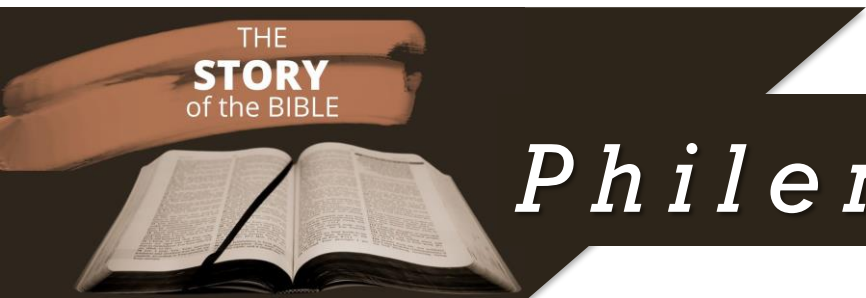
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Philemon 12–13 (NIV)

I 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.



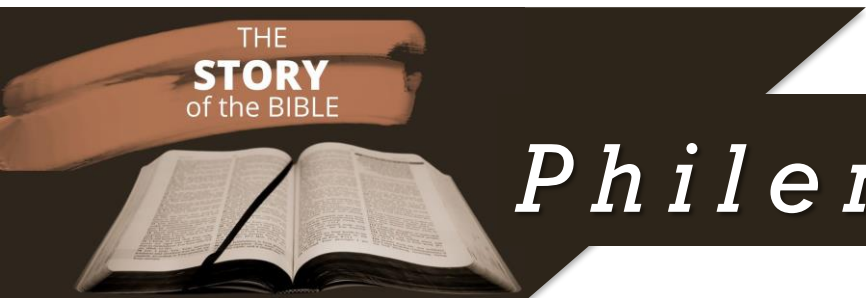
Philemon 12-13 (NIV)

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Don't back people into a corner



But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary.



Philemon 14 (NIV)

People need to know you care and believe in them

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Point out the benefits of doing the right thing

Set a good example

Don't back people into a corner

Ask in a way that encourages a right response



So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.



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Philemon 17 (NIV)

If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, **charge it to me.** I, Paul, write this with my own hand: **I will repay it.** And **I won't mention that you owe me your very soul!**



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Philemon 18-19 (NIV)

I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, **I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.**



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Philemon 20-21 (NIV)

People need to know you care and believe in them

Sometimes asking is better than demanding

Point out the benefits of doing the right thing

Set a good example

Don't back people into a corner

Ask in a way that encourages a right response

I believe you'll do the right thing

Provide accountability



And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me,
because I hope to be restored to you in answer to
your prayers.



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Philemon 22 (NIV)

- People need to know you care and believe in them
- Sometimes asking is better than demanding
- Point out the benefits of doing the right thing
- Set a good example
- Don't back people into a corner
- Ask in a way that encourages a right response
- I believe you'll do the right thing
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