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Philemon 1:1

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker,

Philemon 1:2

² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church that meets at your house:

Philemon 1:3

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

Philemon 1:4

⁴ I always thank my God, remembering you in my prayers,

Philemon 1:5

⁵ because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints.

Philemon 1:6

⁶ I pray that your partnership in the faith may become effective as you fully acknowledge every good thing that is ours in Christ.

Philemon 1:7

⁷ I take great joy and encouragement in your love, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints.

Philemon 1:8

⁸ So although in Christ I am bold enough to order you to do what is proper,

Philemon 1:9

⁹ I prefer to appeal on the basis of love. For I, Paul, am now aged, and a prisoner of Christ Jesus as well.

Philemon 1:10

¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, whose father I became while I was in chains.

Philemon 1:11

¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

Philemon 1:12

¹² I am sending back to you him who is my very heart.

Philemon 1:13

¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me, so that on your behalf he could minister to me in my chains for the gospel.

Philemon 1:14

¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your goodness will not be out of compulsion, but by your own free will.

Philemon 1:15

¹⁵ For perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for good—

Philemon 1:16

¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a beloved brother. He is especially beloved to me, but even more so to you, both in person and in the Lord.

Philemon 1:17

¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, receive him as you would receive me.

Philemon 1:18

¹⁸ But if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to my account.

Philemon 1:19

¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand. I will repay it—not to mention that you owe me your very self.

Philemon 1:20

²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Philemon 1:21

²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Philemon 1:22

²² In the meantime, prepare a guest room for me, because I hope that through your prayers I will be restored to you.

Philemon 1:23

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings,

Philemon 1:24

²⁴ as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.

Philemon 1:25

²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.