



# The Big Impact of Short Letters

P H I L E M O N



**1** Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved brother and fellow worker, **2** and to Apphia our sister, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: **3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

# Philemon



**4** I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, **5** because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints; **6** and I pray that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good

# Philemon





thing which is in you for Christ's sake. **7** For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother. **8** Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to order you to do what is proper, **9** yet

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for love's sake I rather appeal to you—since I am such a person as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—**10** I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my imprisonment, **11** who formerly was useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to me.

# Philemon





**12** I have sent him back to you in person, that is, sending my very heart, **13** whom I wished to keep with me, so that on your behalf he might minister to me in my imprisonment for the gospel; **14** but without your consent I did not want to do anything, so that your goodness

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would not be, in effect, by compulsion but of your own free will. **15** For perhaps he was for this reason separated from you for a while, that you would have him back forever, **16** no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more

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to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. **17** If then you regard me a partner, accept him as you would me. **18** But if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to my account; **19** I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand, I will repay it (not to mention to you

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that you owe to me even your own self as well).

**20** Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. **21** Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, since I know that you will do even more than what I say. **22** At the same time also prepare for

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me a lodging, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given to you. **23** Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, **24** as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers. **25** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

# Philemon



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our direction.***





***The gospel changes  
our condition.***



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**PHILEMON 1:17 & 18**



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