



**A pastor's plea For Love.**

**A pastor's plea For Acceptance.**

**A pastor's plea For Obedience.**

***EXTRA NOTES:***

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH**

# PHILEMON

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## KEY THEMES

The power of the gospel to transform lives and restore human relationships

## PHILEMON 16:

"No longer a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord"

## KEY VERSE

## SYNOPSIS:

Onesimus was at some point a bondservant of Philemon. He had possibly stolen money and/or property and fled to Rome. While in Rome, Onesimus met Paul and became a Christian. He grew in Christ and was a helpmate to Paul. As much as Paul desired the help of Onesimus, he knew of his fugitive status, severed relationship and wrongdoing against his master. Paul wrote this letter as an appeal to Philemon to appreciate the transformation that had occurred in Onesimus' life and to receive him back, not merely as a bondservant but as a brother in Christ.