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Order of Worship

July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome

Worship in Song

Call to Worship

Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon Series: Philemon Freedom

Sermon: "Part II: From the Heart"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

We Eat and Drink Together

We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life

Doxology

Blessing and Sending

*Words to music, responsive readings and
The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen*



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Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:



1. Why do outward changes in actions, rules, laws, and advice only go so far? Whether in life choices or in faith, has there ever been a time you wanted something for someone but they had to come to that place for themselves?
2. In your life, how has love, relationships (with God or with others), and/or knowing God's agenda changed you?
3. Do you think Philemon was surprised by what Paul had to say about Onesimus? What did Paul's relationship with Onesimus communicate to Philemon?
4. Why is it easy to make judgments about people we don't know or have never sat down with to hear their story?
5. How does God's agenda and what Jesus did on the cross change your perception of yourself and of others? Why is it said "the ground is level at the foot of the cross?"
6. What does it mean to look at the "whole tenor of scripture" when it comes to ideas and issues the Bible doesn't directly address? Why is it important to know the overarching agenda of God?
7. When it comes to changing someone's heart, what role does God play? What role do we play? What role does the person play?

Philemon Freedom "Part II: From the Heart" Pastor Kris Beckert

Two Questions:

- What condition is your heart in?
- What needs to change ?

What changes a heart?

I. _____

Philemon 1:8-9 Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ 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—

- Paul does not use authority or _____
- He wants Philemon to act out of _____

Henri Nouwen: "True love is unconditional and unreserved; it can only be given, and never demanded."

II. _____

Philemon 1:10-14 ...that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him—who is

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my very heart—back to you. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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.

- v.10 is the first time Paul mentions Onesimus and calls him his _____
- v.11 is a play on Onesimus' name, which means _____
- Philemon "Formerly" = ποτέ (pote)
- "but now" = δὲ νῦν (de nuni)
- v.12 Paul calls Onesimus his own _____
- Onesimus willingly helped Paul when he was in _____

Dan White: "We think we can know things about people without dwelling with people. Being right, without loving well, is not right."

III. _____

Philemon 1:15-16 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— ¹⁶ 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.

- Paul does not order Philemon to act in a certain way but rather to see Onesimus as _____ sees him.
- Where the Bible is silent on issues and decisions, we must look at the _____ tenor of Scripture

**The right thing will always be hard to start—
That is, until the right thing comes from the heart.
Our need of supervision can only come to an end—
If instead of the outside, we start from within.**

Big Idea: _____
