

**Sermon Notes**  
**October 6, 2024**  
**Philemon Series**  
**“Forgiveness Extension”**

Week 1: God is calling us to see **people** as his **image bearers** who are **lost** to **sin**, and to **extend** them **grace**.

**Week 1:**

Scripture Focus: **Philemon** 1:8-21

**v. 8-14**

Paul seeks to **appeal** to Philemon’s **godly love** to embrace Onesimus, rather than him following an **imposed command**.

**Embracing** Onesimus as a **brother** in Christ is a **real world application** of the Scripture.

Scripture Reference: **Galatians** 3:28

**v. 15-16**

Paul sees **God** working out the **situation** between Philemon and Onesimus for the **good** of **both**.

Scripture Reference: **Romans** 8:28

**v. 17-21**

Paul’s **final** appeal is to put any **debt** incurred on to him, rather than letting it be a **stumbling block** to a **restored** relationship.

God is calling us to **restored** relationships over **temporary** pain, through **forgiveness** without **preconditions**.

Scripture Reference: **Ephesians** 4:31-32

Scripture Reference: **Mark** 11:25

**Challenge:**

2 Parts:

Part 1) Divide a piece of paper between those who “I need to forgive” and those who “I need to ask for forgiveness.”

Part 2) Ask God for the strength to experience temporary pain for the sake of restoration.