

## #Philemon Intro

09:55 am **5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO**

10:00 am **\*\*LIVE Worship –**

10:25 am **\*\*LIVE In House Welcome –**

**WELCOME to The Peak CC**

**Welcome our Church Online Platform –**

**We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.**

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***Opening Prayer* - Blessing of Contributions -**

10:30 AM **\*\*Announcements Video - Tithing**

**10:32am LIVE SHOT** – Welcome - Pastor *Self Intro* -

Lead into *True North Ranch 2nd session* - Turbulence -  
Inner & outer conflict -learning to follow your LEAD.

\*\*\***VIDEO / REEL**\*\*\*

**10:40am LIVE SHOT** -

Ever get yourself in a pickle?? In a bad situation or difficult position??

Can I share a very personal / intimate moment with you??

It's a time that I somehow found myself having to manage a very volatile situation.. One That I EVEN CREATED!!

Oscar & Yas story...

Moved into house.. ;-/

Have you ever had to handle a tough one? Found yourself in a pickle?

If you are in a pickle, you are in a difficult position, or have a problem to which no easy answer can be found.

The word 'pickle' comes from the Dutch word 'pekel', meaning 'something piquant', and originally referred to a spiced, salted vinegar that was used as a preservative.

In the seventeenth century, vegetables like cucumbers or gherkins that were preserved took the name.

The 'in difficulty' meaning of the expression alludes to the idea of being as mixed up and disoriented as the pickled vegetables in the jar!

**In Today's INTRO, we'll see Paul handle a tough one. We'll read how he managed a conflict using the Gospel... except... in THIS Letter he never mentions Jesus or the cross.... He's writing to a fellow believer so he chooses to demonstrate the cross....**

**While in prison, Paul writes his shortest letter in all of his New Testament writings. Despite its short length, it packs a HUGE PUNCH. In this short sermon series we'll explore this delicate letter and how we should apply it in our lives today. Come see how we can be Forgiven, Refreshed, & Restored.**

## **The Greeting**

**1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,**

**To Philemon our beloved friend and *fellow laborer*, 2 to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:**

**fellow laborer,**



**From *ergon* - work & synergistic - together.**

**Hence to work together or “co-labor”**

**Different from the word he’ll use in a little while equating them as “Partners”. -*Koinonia***

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

## Philemon's Love and Faith

4 I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, 5 hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, 6 that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. 7 For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by YOU, brother.

Always approach a person w/ PRAISE.. Lay dwn the fundamental truths. Start from a place of common ground that you can then build on...

Sharing - Koinonia - common; ordinary - a community of sharing all things..

The Plea for Onesimus

8 Therefore, though I might be very bold in Christ to command you what is fitting, 9 yet for love's sake *I rather appeal to you—being such a one as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ*—10 I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains, 11 who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me.

Paul uses 3 things to appeal personally to Philemon:

- Paul - myself - common to you on the basis of who I AM
- Aged - view me as an elder. Sympathizing to his senior citizenship
- Prisoner of Jesus Christ -

At the time of writing, Paul was a prisoner in Rome

But Paul saw that he was imprisoned for the sake of and by the sovereign will of Christ (cf. Eph, 3:13 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—; 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner <sup>[a]</sup>of the Lord, <sup>[b]</sup>beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ; Phil. 1:13 so that it has become evident to the whole <sup>[b]</sup>palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ).

By beginning with his imprisonment and not his apostolic authority, Paul made this letter a gentle and singular appeal to a friend. A reminder of Paul's severe hardships was bound to

influence Philemon's willingness to do the comparatively easy task Paul was about to request.

Philemon. A wealthy member of the Colossian church which met in his house. Church buildings were unknown until the third century, - So Philemon was a leader & influencer. He owned a house church and I'm sure carried some of the weight & burdens of leadership.

12 I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, 13 whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel. 14 But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary.

Onesimus was still very useful, & Paul felt that through his relationship w/ Philemon would allow him to stay w/ Onesimus, The reconciliation was MOST IMPORTANT.

15 For perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever, 16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave—a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

***We are all ONE in Christ - Jesus IS the GREAT equalizer...***

**Galatians 3:26-29**

***26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.***

**Philemon's Obedience Encouraged**

***17 "If then" you count me as a partner, receive him as you would me. 18 But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account. 19 I, Paul, am writing with my own hand. I will repay—not to mention to you that you owe me even your own self besides. 20 Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord.***

***21 Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. 22 But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you.***



## **Farewell**

**23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, 24 as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow laborers.**

**Concludes w/ relational connections and salutations of common people. This strengthens his request...**

**25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.**

**Without mentioning the gospel, Paul is putting it on display w/ this compelling letter of forgiveness & grace... Are you willing to be a sacrifice?**

**Tim Mackie @ The Bible Project**

**How to Read Philemon \*\* VIDEO RightNow Media**

**Romans 12:1-2**

**I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

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**RIGHT** after service, Prayer walk 2pm in Mahopac on East Lake Blvd. The Peekskill Honor Guard will present our colors and I will be opening the ceremonial prayer...

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*“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you,  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.”*

**I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!**

**Next week we'll begin our next sermon series in the book of Phillipians.**

**The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Phm 4–7.**

**The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Phm 8–16.**

**The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Phm 17–25.**