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Paul's Faith from Prison



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Philemon's Compliance - Philemon 1:17-25

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Intercession

- Paul intercedes on behalf of Onesimus
- Paul sees the _____ done in him
 - He looks over his past and sees the work of God.

Appeals for Forgiveness

- Paul appeals to Philemon
 - To _____ Onesimus based on the good work God has done
 - To _____ any offense he may be holding against Onesimus

Sacrifice: *Hallmark of Love*

- Paul reflects and lives out the Gospel
- Paul will take the charge
 - He will _____ Onesimus' debt
- Holding onto offense is to deny God
 - Offense _____ the price Christ paid on the cross

Summary

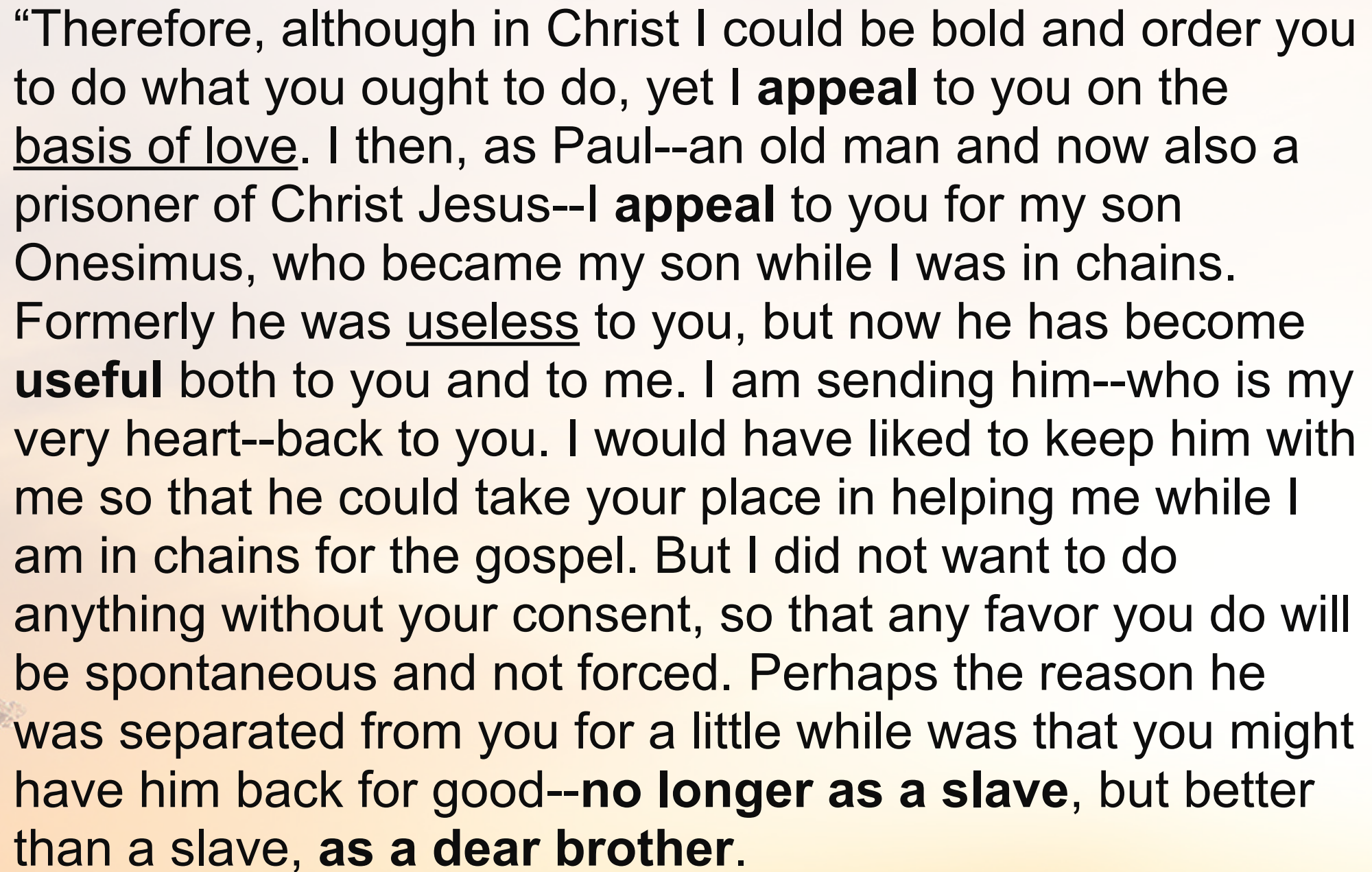
- Paul _____ a thief to Christ.
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Discussion Questions:

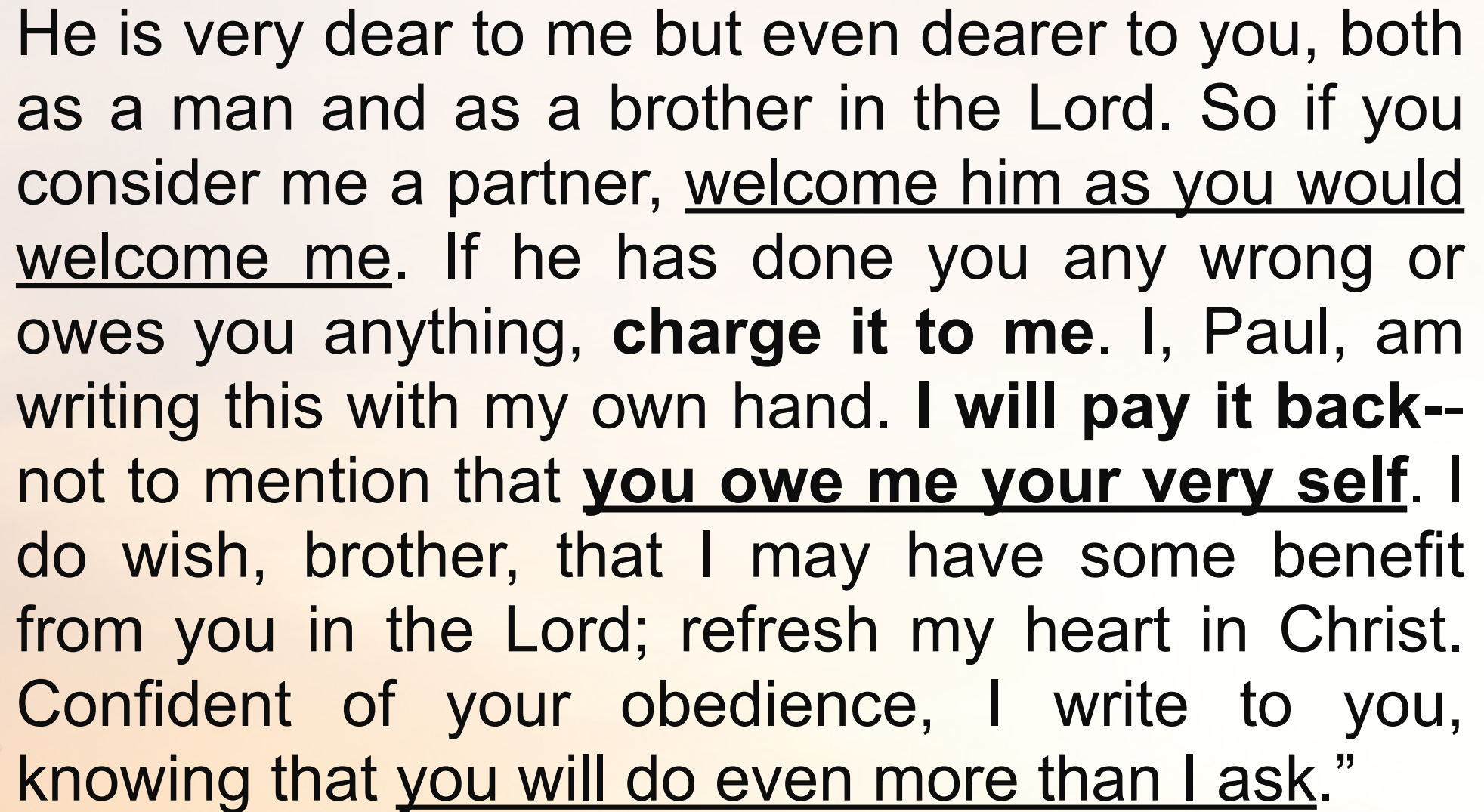
1. Why are we so easily offended?
2. Where have you seen offense in your life?
3. Where can you help resolve an offense?
4. Is there a personal offense you need to resolve?
5. Are you holding unforgiveness towards anyone?

Philemon 8-21



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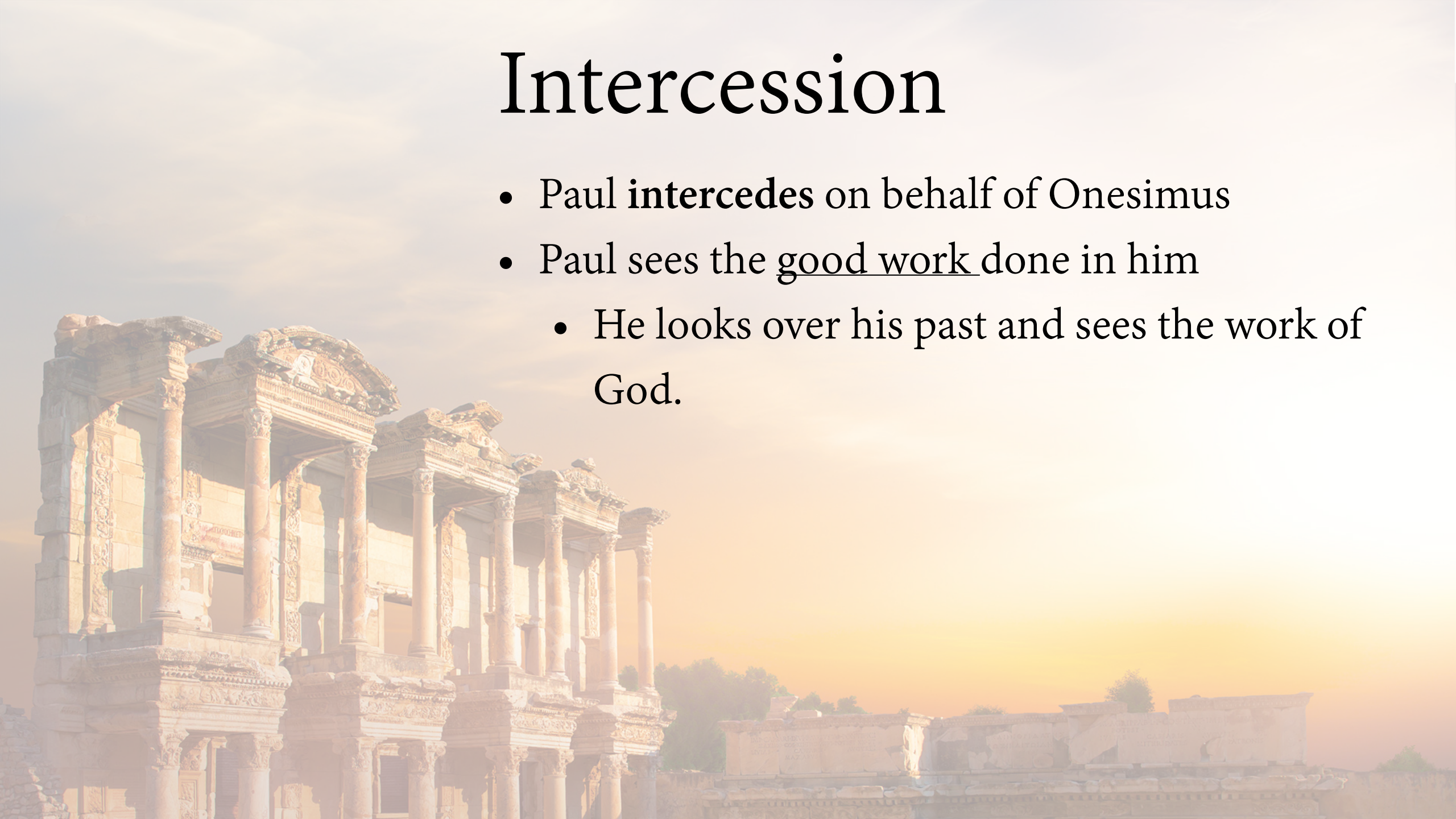
“Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I **appeal** to you on the basis of love. I then, as Paul--an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus--I **appeal** to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become **useful** both to you and to me. I am sending him--who is my very heart--back to you. 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. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do will be spontaneous and not forced. Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good--**no longer as a slave**, but better than a slave, **as a dear brother**.

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He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord. So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, **charge it to me**. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. **I will pay it back--** not to mention that **you owe me your very self**. I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.”

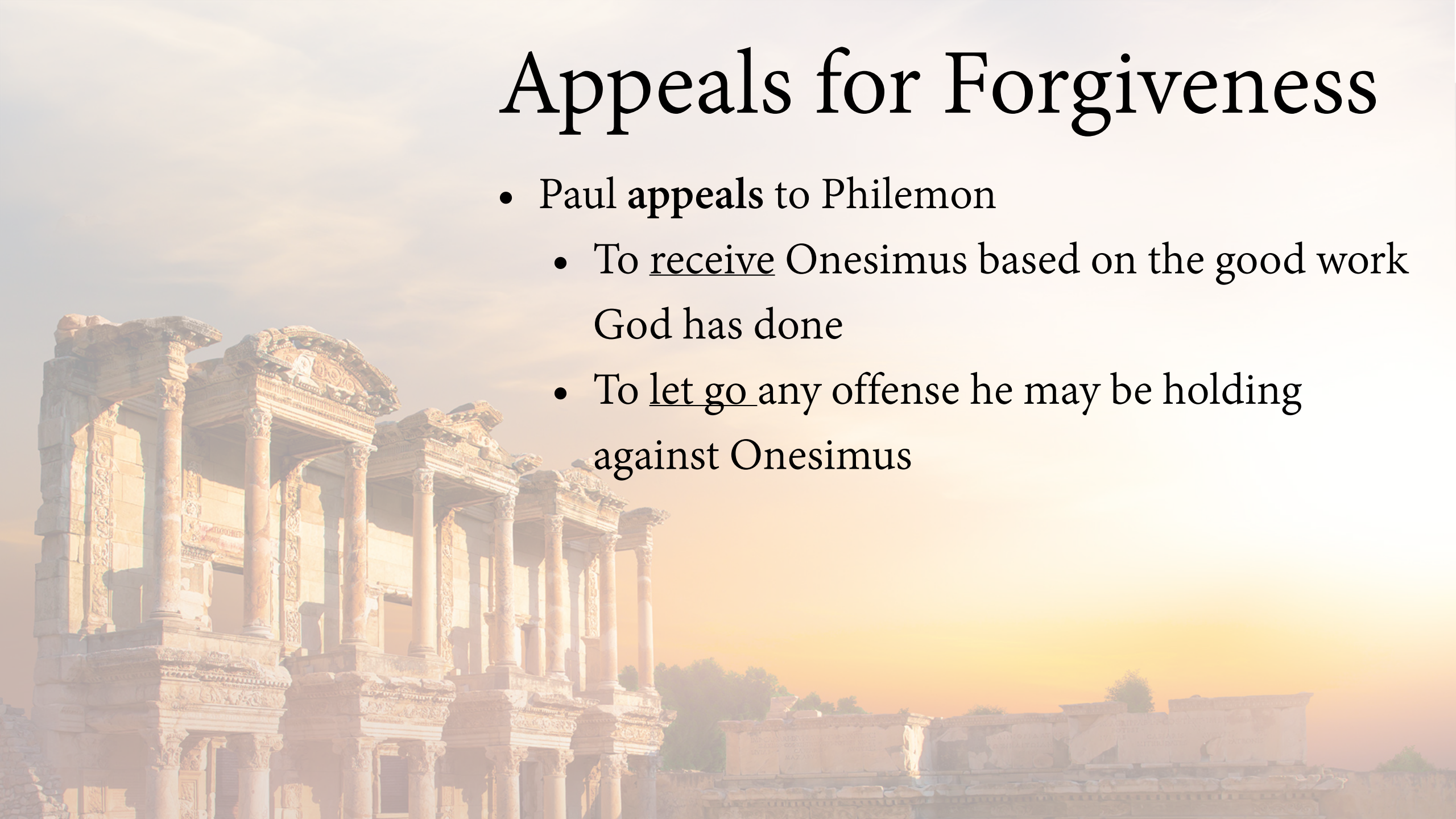
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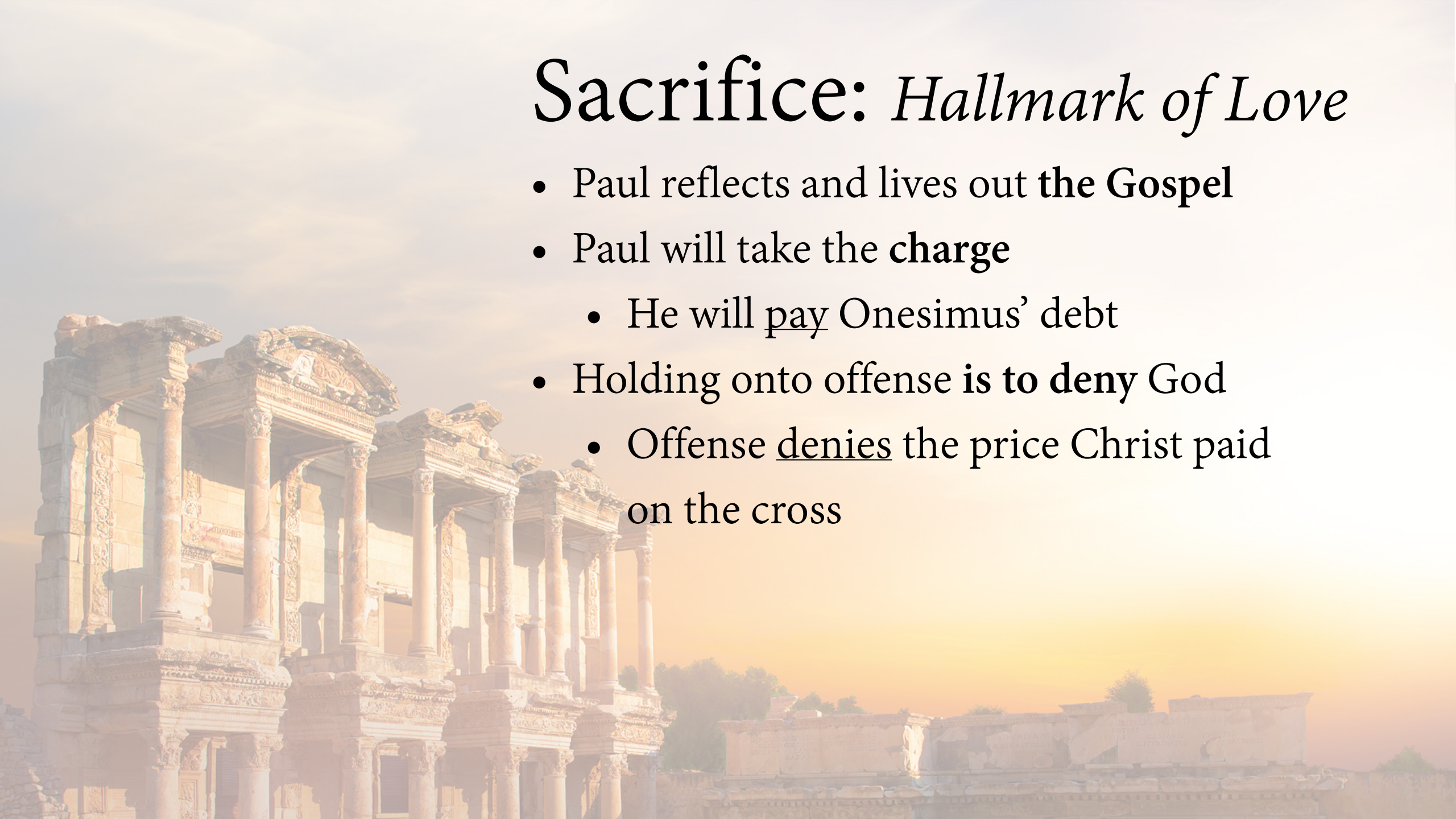
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Matthew 18:21-35

The Unforgiving Servant



Romans 12:17-21

We have no need to repay wrong with rejection.



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