

[2: COLOSSIANS & PHILEMON]

# UNBOUNDED

*Paul's Faith from Prison*



**WARRIOR'S HEART**  
BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM ONE MAN AT A TIME

BAND OF  
**BROTHERS**  
MEN'S MINISTRY



## Relationships Really Matter

### Philemon 1: 1 - 7

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**Last Week:** Don Munton (Colossians 4: 7 – 18) > \_\_\_\_\_

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### Notes - Personal Letter from Paul to Philemon

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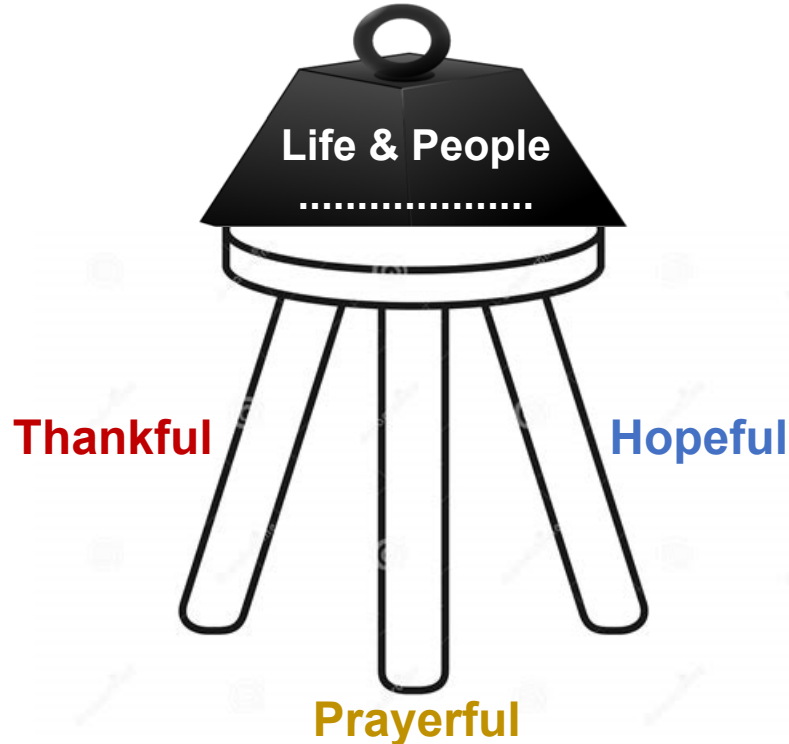
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(Psalm 62:5 - 6; Romans 15:13)

## Learning from Paul - Strengthening our Relationships



**Next Week:** Dan Miller (Philemon 1: 8 - 25)

### Discussion Questions

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4. Which family member or friend would you like to share more of these relationship blessings (Thankfulness + Prayer + Hope)?

### Bonus

Send a handwritten Thank You note (especially to someone God directs to you)!

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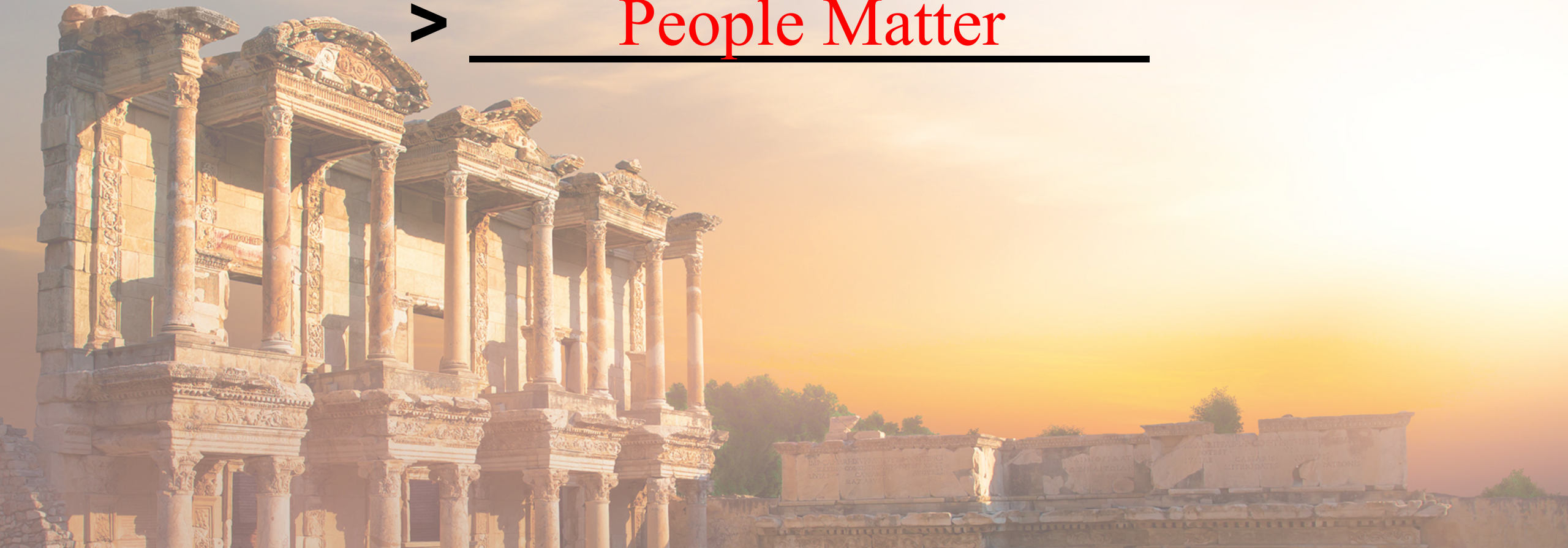




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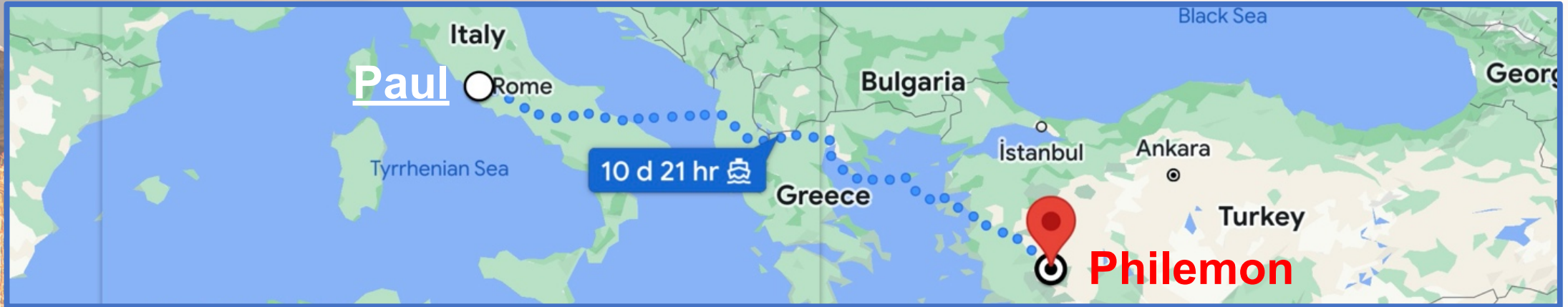
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**Paul is THANKFUL and PERSONAL with his dear friend, Philemon.**

how can we thank God enough for you and the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?

1 Thess 3:9 NIV



# Philemon 1: 6

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**Paul is PERSONAL in his PRAYERS for Philemon – He knows what to pray for his close friend.**

# Philemon 1: 7

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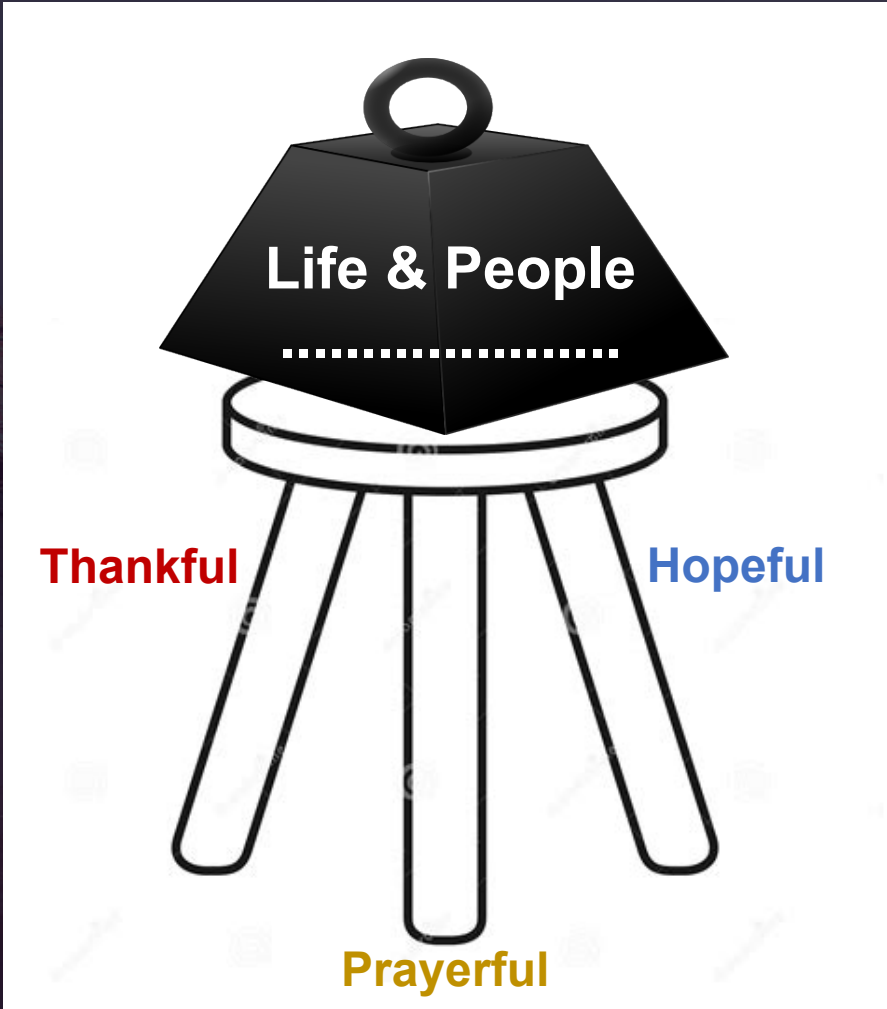
<sup>5</sup> Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. <sup>6</sup> Truly he is

**Paul ENCOURAGES and brings HOPE to Philemon.**

Romans 15:13 NIV



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➤ The REST of the Story





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