

Wednesday Night Bible Study Notes / August 5, 2026 Franklinton Baptist

RISKY BUSINESS – Restoring Relationships

Philemon 1:1-25

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Introduction:

Mark 2:5

Matthew 18:21

Jonah 4:11

Philemon 1:18 ***“And if he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.”***

The Gospel Changes Our Identity

Philemon verses 1-7

Before Paul ever addresses the difficult situation between Philemon and Onesimus, he does something that is both wise and deeply pastoral. He begins by reminding Philemon who he is in Christ.

The Gospel Changes Who We Are

Philemon verses 1-3

Discussion Question – Why do you think Paul begins with grace instead of immediately addressing the conflict?

The Gospel Changes Our Reputation

Philemon verses 4-7

Paul is saying - _____

The Gospel Calls Us to Reconciliation

Philemon verses 8-16

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 ***“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.”***

Love Is Stronger Than Authority

Philemon verses 8-9

John 13:34 ***"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another; as I have loved you."***

The Gospel Gives People a New Identity

Philemon verses 10-11

Love Is Willing To Sacrifice

Philemon verses 12-14

God Can Redeem Our Failures

Philemon verses 15-16

Discussion Question – Who in your life have you been tempted to define by their past instead of by what God's grace can do in their future?

The Gospel Pays Our Debt And Restores Our Relationships

Philemon 17-25

Conclusion

In Mark 2, Jesus looked at a broken man and said, _____

In Matthew 18, Jesus reminded us, because we have been forgiven an immeasurable debt, we _____

In Jonah, God challenge _____

In Philemon, we have seen what _____