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the LETTER *to* PHILEMON

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In the new economy of the Kingdom:

WE PARTNER IN FAITH *(vv4-7)*

Philemon 4-7

4 I always thank my God as I remember you in my
prayers, 5 because I hear about your love for all his holy
people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that
your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in
deepening your understanding of every good thing we
share for the sake of Christ. 7 Your love has given me
great joy and encouragement, because you, brother,
have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people.

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Philemon 6

6 I pray that your **partnership** with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.

DEEPER IDENTITY

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GREATER MISSION

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WE APPEAL IN LOVE *(vv8-16)*

Philemon 8-16

8 Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order
you to do what you ought to do, 9 yet I prefer to appeal
to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul
—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—
10 that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who
became my son while I was in chains. 11 Formerly he was
useless to you, but now he has become useful both to
you and to me. 12 I am sending him—who is my very
heart—back to you. 13 I would have liked to keep him

Philemon 8-16

with me so that he could take your place in helping me
while I am in chains for the gospel. 14 But I did not want
to do anything without your consent, so that any favour
you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary.
15 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a
little while was that you might have him back forever—
16 no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear
brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you,
both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

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Philippians 8-9a

8 Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order
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to you on the basis of love.

TO ORDER IN POWER

or

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WE EMBODY THE CROSS *(vv17-22)*

Philemon 17-21

17 So if you consider me a partner welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. 20 I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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Philemon 18

18 If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything,
charge it to me.

2 Corinthians 5v17-21

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has
come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is
from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ
and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God
was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not
counting people’s sins against them. And he has

2 Corinthians 5v17-21

committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Edwin Friedman (A Failure of Nerve)

“Peace-monger… a highly anxious risk-avoider, someone who is more concerned with good feelings than with progress, someone whose life revolves around the axis of consensus, a “middler,” someone who is so incapable of taking well-defined stands that his “disability” seems to be genetic, someone who functions as if she had been filleted of her backbone, someone who treats conflict or anxiety like mustard gas—one whiff, on goes the emotional gas mask, and he flits.”

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Philemon 21

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