

The Heart of a SPIRITUAL Champion

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OVERVIEW OF PHILEMON:

A Prayer for a Brother • PHILEMON 1-7

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A Prayer for a Brother

I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,



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A Prayer for a Brother

... that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.



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A Prayer for a Brother

For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

PHILEMON 4-7



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OVERVIEW OF PHILEMON:

A Plea for a Slave • PHILEMON 8-20

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A Plea for a Slave

I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains, who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me.



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A Plea for a Slave

I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, . . . PHILEMON 10-12



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A Plea for a Slave

For perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever, 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. PHILEMON 15-16



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OVERVIEW OF PHILEMON:

A Plan for a Visit • PHILEMON 21-25

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A Plan for a Visit

Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord. Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.



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A Plan for a Visit

But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you. PHILEMON 20-22



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"Watch over your heart with all diligence, for out of the heart flow the issues of life."

PROVERBS 4:23



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Guard Your Heart with Gratitude

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... in everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18



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God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.



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You fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.



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Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.



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Blind unbelief is sure to err,
 And scan His work in vain:
 God is His own interpreter
 And He will make it plain.
 —WILLIAM COWPER, 1774



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Free Your Heart with Forgiveness

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"I believe that God
 has planted in every
 heart the desire to
 live in freedom."
 —GEORGE W. BUSH



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Brokenness
 invites
 bitterness



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Brokenness
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Heal Your Heart with Hope

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Having confidence in your obedience,
I write to you, since I know that you will
do even more than what I say. At the
same time also prepare me a lodging,
for I hope that through your prayers I
will be given to you. **PHILEMON 21-22 NASV**



Safai Taleb al-Suhail embraces Janet Norwood, mother
of Marine Sgt. Byron Norwood who was killed in action
in Iraq. (State of the Union Address, 2005)

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