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Philemon: Reconciling Grace  
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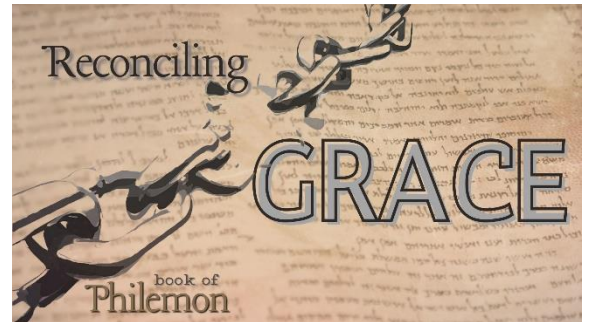
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**Sermon Title:** “A Prisoner, a Runaway Slave, and a Beloved Coworker”  
(#1 in the Sermon Series)

**Scripture text:** Philemon 1-3

**Main Points:**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ (10): Paul, Onesimus, and Philemon
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ (9): A Runaway Slave Meets an Apostle
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ (7): The Reconciling Grace of God in Christ



**Questions:**

1. **Ice Breaker Question** – Why do you think there is so much division in our country?
2. **Transition Question** – Christians are not immune to division. What were the best possible theories of the division between Philemon and Onesimus?
3. **Observation Question** – Why don't you think Paul identifies himself as an apostle at the beginning of this letter?
4. **Interpretation Question** – Who does Paul address this letter to, and what does that tell us about who he hoped would hear it?
5. **Reflection Question** – Do you ever “run” from your problems, like Onesimus likely did?
6. **Application Question** – Read 2 Cor. 5:16-21 out loud, and then pray through this passage as a Life Group, including yourself, your LG, and your church.