



## Lesson 2

“The Love and Faith of Philemon”

Philemon 4–7

### DAY 1

PRAY: Psalm 119:33—*Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.*

READ: Philemon 4–7

WRITE:

It has been said that prayer is the work of the ministry, and Paul was a disciple willing to do that work on behalf of Philemon! He didn’t just pray once for his brother – he kept him continually in prayer and in his heart. Because prayer is essential to every disciple, what do you learn from the scriptures below about prayer?

James 5:16: \_\_\_\_\_

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Luke 18:1–5: \_\_\_\_\_

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Philippians 4:6-7: \_\_\_\_\_

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APPLY:

Paul faithfully prayed for Philemon and was confident God would work in his life. Think about your own prayer life for a moment. Is there a person you have grown weary in praying for? If so, ask the Lord to help you by His Spirit to persist in prayer for them.

### DAY 2

PRAY: Psalm 119:34—*Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.*

READ: Philemon 4–7

WRITE:

1. Paul knows and prays for Philemon. His words are rich and beautiful. What character traits are revealed about Philemon in Paul’s prayer in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Character is defined as “our manner of life.” The way we live defines who we are as disciples. How does Paul challenge us in Philippians 1:27 to live out our faith? \_\_\_\_\_

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APPLY:

Paul knew of Philemon to be a man full of faith, grace and love and engaged in good works. List character traits that you would want others to know you by and see shining in your life.

### DAY 3

PRAY: Psalm 119:37—*Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, and revive me in Your way.*

READ: Philemon 4–7

WRITE:

Read Hebrews 11:1-6. Explain why faith was such an important character quality for Paul to pray for. \_\_\_\_\_

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APPLY:

Paul not only prays for Philemon to have faith, but the entire church. Consider your own faith for a moment, are you lacking in an area? How will our faith grow according to Romans 10:17?

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### DAY 4

PRAY: Psalm 119:45—*And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts.*

READ: Philemon 4–7

WRITE:

1. Paul and others were deeply refreshed by news of Philemon’s love. Loving others is essential for every true disciple of Christ. How do the scriptures below challenge you to love more deeply?

John 13:35: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Luke 6:35-36: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Verse 7 indicates that Philemon was a “refreshing Christian” and the kind of person others appreciated. How can we refresh others according to the scriptures below?

Proverbs 11:25: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Colossians 3:16: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Hebrews 10:25: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Paul prayed for Philemon, asking God to make the sharing of his faith effective so that others would trust Christ. What do you learn from the scriptures below that will help you be effective in sharing the gospel?

1 Thessalonians 2:1–12: \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 Peter 3:15: \_\_\_\_\_  
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APPLY:

We are never more Christ-like than when we love and see people the way God sees them. Paul chose to speak highly about Philemon. Think about how you speak about your spouse or someone close to you. How would applying Ephesians 4:31, 32 impact those relationships?

**ON ANOTHER DAY THIS WEEK REFLECT ON OUR LIFE PRINCIPLE**

This week we will talk about principle “F” . . . **F** = Following the Way of Christ

The full display of Jesus’ love was seen on the cross as He gave His life willingly for all those who would believe in Him. Remember, He died while we were yet sinners! (Romans 5:8)

Choose to follow Jesus’ example this week. Purposefully love someone with no thought of what you will get in return. Pray and ask God what He specifically would have you do: Give financially, send a card/text/email, buy groceries, or cook a meal?

Share what the Lord led you to do.

