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Book 57 Philemon 001:001 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon, our beloved fellow worker, 001:002 to the beloved Apphia, to Archippus, our fellow soldier, and to the assembly in your house: 001:003 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 001:004 I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, 001:005 hearing of your love, and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints; 001:006 that the fellowship of your faith may become effective, in the knowledge of every good thing which is in us in Christ Jesus. 001:007 For we have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been

refreshed through you, brother. 001:008
Therefore, though I have all boldness in Christ
to command you that which is appropriate,
001:009 yet for love's sake I rather beg, being
such a one as Paul, the aged, but also a
prisoner of Jesus Christ. 001:010 I beg you for
my child, whom I have become the father of in
my chains, Onesimus, {Onesimus means
"useful."} 001:011 who once was useless to
you, but now is useful to you and to me.
001:012 I am sending him back. Therefore
receive him, that is, my own heart, 001:013
whom I desired to keep with me, that on your
behalf he might serve me in my chains for the
Good News. 001:014 But I was willing to do
nothing without your consent, that your
goodness would not be as of necessity, but of
free will. 001:015 For perhaps he was
therefore separated from you for a while, that
you would have him forever, 001:016 no longer
as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved
brother, especially to me, but how much
rather to you, both in the flesh and in the
Lord. 001:017 If then you count me a partner,
receive him as you would receive me. 001:018
But if he has wronged you at all, or owes you
anything, put that to my account. 001:019 I,
Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay
it (not to mention to you that you owe to me
even your own self besides). 001:020 Yes,
brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord.
Refresh my heart in the Lord. 001:021 Having
confidence in your obedience, I write to you,
knowing that you will do even beyond what I
say. 001:022 Also, prepare a guest room for
me, for I hope that through your prayers I will

be restored to you. 001:023 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, 001:024 as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. 001:025 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

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