Philemon

Bible Study Series Lesson 6

3. Bonds Of The Gospel 12-16
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- 12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:
- 13 Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:
- 14 But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.
- 15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;
- 16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

Verses 12 -13:

12 Whom I have sent again:

thou therefore receive him,

that is, mine own bowels: Inward affection 2 Cor.7:15

13 Whom I would have retained with me,

that in **thy stead** (FM: Gen.22:13, 2 Cor.5:20)

he might have ministered unto me in the **bonds** of the gospel:

Eph.6:20, 2 Tim.2:9

Verse 14:

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14 But without thy mind would I do nothing; Mr. 12:30 that thy benefit (2 Cor.1:15, 1 Tim.6:2) should not be as it were of necessity, 2 Cor. 9:7 but willingly. FM: Ex.25:2, 1 Chr.29:9, 1 Cor. 9:17
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Verses 15 & 16:

15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a **season**, *Ec.3:1, Ga.6:9,*2 Tim. 4:2
that thou shouldest receive him **for ever**; *Ec.3:14, Is.57:16*

16 Not now as a servant, *Ph.2:7*but above a servant, *Ga.4:7*a brother beloved, specially to me, *Col.4:9*but how much more unto thee, *Rom.5:15-20*both in the flesh, and in the Lord?