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Verse 1. This letter is from Paul, a prisoner for preaching the Good News about Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. I am writing to Philemon, our beloved co-worker, Verse 2. and to our sister Apphia, and to our fellow soldier NLT

<p>Verse 5. because I keep hearing about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people. Verse 6. And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ.</p>			

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Verse 7. Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people. Verse 8. That is why I am boldly asking a favor of you. I could demand it in the name of Christ because it is the right thing for you to do.

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Verse 11. Onesimus hasn't been of much use to you in the past, but now he is very useful to both of us. Verse 12. I am sending him back to you, and with him comes my own heart. Verse 13. I wanted to keep him here with me while I am in these chains for preaching the Good News,

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7 and he would have helped me on your behalf. Verse 14. But I didn't want to do anything without your consent. I wanted you to help because you were willing, not because you were forced. Verse 15. It seems Onesimus ran away for a little while so NLT

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that you could have him back forever. Verse 16. He is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother, especially to me. Now he will mean much more to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

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AND I WON'T MENTION THAT YOU OWE ME YOUR VERY SOUL! Verse 20. Yes, my brother, please do me this favor for the Lord's sake. Give me this encouragement in Christ. Verse 21. I am confident as I write this letter that you

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11 will do what I ask and even more! Verse 22. One more thing -- please prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that God will answer your prayers and let me return to you soon. Verse 23. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, NLT

