

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS  
JUNE 27, 2021

**APPEALING FOR ONESIMUS**  
**PHILEMON 8-16**

**MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE**

Paul's love-based appeal to Philemon for Onesimus is an appeal you need to apply in your own life.

- I.** Paul Chooses How to Appeal (v.8-9)
- II.** Paul Makes His Love-Based Appeal (v.10-16)
- III.** Paul's Appeal Applied to You

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION**

1. Reflect on what you have heard about the relationships between Paul and Philemon, and between Paul and Onesimus. How did the faith they shared shape these relationships?
2. Have you ever had feelings for a brother or sister in Christ like Paul does for Onesimus? Where does such affection come from and how can you get it?
3. Have you ever appealed to a fellow believer to obey out of love for Christ and the Church? Has anyone ever approached you this way? What was your response?
4. Is your heart engaged in the service of Christ or do you need to repent of heartless service and seek greater love for Christ?

**FURTHER READING:** Gen 50:20; Deut 15:16; John 14:15; Acts 9:26-27; 2 Cor 9:7; Col 3:11