WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

Lessons from Lives that Matter

The Transforming Power of Jesus

Philemon 1-25

Truth: The Gospel transforms the lives of all who believe in, and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Lesson 1: Personal faith in Jesus Christ transforms attitudes.

Therefore, though I might be very bold in Christ to command you what is fitting, yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you - being such a one as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ . . . . . Philemon 8-9

- 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- Philippians 2:13; 3:4-7.
- New 'creation' -a new creature; to be re-formed from the inside out.

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Lesson 2: Personal faith in Jesus Christ transforms lives.

I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains, who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me . . . . . Philemon 10-11

- Romans 8:29.
- Onesimus - useful; profitable.

Lesson 3: Personal faith in Jesus Christ transforms relationships.

For perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave - a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. . . . . Philemon 15-16

- Matthew 7:12.
- Luke 6:31.
- Philemon 17-18.