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Share the Life of Redemption | Philemon | Bro. Seng Guan

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1. a) What is the relationship between the apostle Paul, Philemon, and Onesimus?  
  
b) What is the apostle Paul primary purpose in writing to Philemon? (what he expect him to do)
  
2. a) *"Though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you."* (v8). What is the difference between "to command" and "to appeal"?  
  
b) Would the outcome be any different if the apostle Paul was "to command" Philemon to receive Onesimus instead of "to appeal" to Philemon?
  
3. a) Did the apostle Paul merely require Philemon to receive Onesimus back as an enslaved person, OR is there something more expected of Philemon?  
  
b) Is Paul's request on Philemon reasonable? (Give your thoughts)
  
4. a) What lesson have you learned from the epistle to Philemon?  
  
b) What does the epistle teaches us about the importance of reconciliation and restoration of fellowship?
  
5. a) Living a redeemed life, how does knowing 4.b change the way we relate to one another?  
  
b) Do you find any comfort in this passage? Does it encourage or empower you to deal with 'bad' relationships?