

“Philemon –A Practical Example of Compassion and Love”
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Scripture Reading – Philemon 4-12

1. A reputation of Love.

“...because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints.” (5)

2. The ability to refresh hearts with love.

“...the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.” (7b)

“Refresh my heart in Christ.” (20b)

3. The request for help because of love.

“...yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you...” (9)

“Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.” (11)

4. Respond with eternal values in mind.

“For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother...” (15-16a)

Application:

1. Do you have a reputation of love and compassion? What evidence would people see? What needs to change?
2. Share with someone a time when someone “refreshed your heart.” Was it something they said or did? Think of someone you can “refresh” this week.
3. Pray for the Lord to help you see people in a new way –with eternity in view.