

SERMON NOTES

May 11, 2025

*I always thank my God
as I remember you in
my prayers*

PHILEMON 1:4

Keeping Your House In Order

Philemon 1:1-7

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— 2 also to
Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the
church that meets in your home: 3 Grace and peace to you
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I always
thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I
hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in
the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that your partnership with us in the
faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of
every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. 7 Your love
has given me great joy and encouragement, because you,
brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

Prisoners-

Brothers-

Friend-

Fellow Worker-

Sister-

Fellow Soldier-

Fellowship-

Your _____, you mean

_____!

Philemon 1:8-9

8 Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you
to do what you ought to do, 9 yet I prefer to appeal to you on
the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and
now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—

Your love is _____.

Philemon 1:10-16

10 that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my
son while I was in chains. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but
now he has become useful both to you and to me. 12 I am
sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. 13 I would
have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your
place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. 14 But I
did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any
favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary.
15 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little
while was that you might have him back forever— 16 no longer
as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very
dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as
a brother in the Lord.

_____ is a part of relationships,

_____.

Philemon 1:17-21

17 So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would
welcome me. 18 If he has done you any wrong or owes you
anything, charge it to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own
hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very
self. 20 I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you
in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your
obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than
I ask.

Use your influence for _____.