

SHARPEN THE POINT

For further study of the message.

B-Team | Part 2

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The Book of Philemon is just how it reads – it is a letter of care and concern from one Christian friend (Paul) to another (Philemon), asking Philemon to view the dishonest acts of Onesimus through the lens of God’s promises. Begin by reading Philemon.

Onesimus faced possible death for his offenses. But verse 6 speaks generosity in the form of forgiveness! If you were Philemon, how open and willing would you have been to forgive? When have you been in a similar situation?

To God, Onesimus was highly valued. To the rest of the world, he was a slave with no worth except what he did for his master. Do you *know* how valued you are by God? How do you know?

In verse 18 Paul says, “*If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me.*” In what way did Jesus say the same about you? Why?

We are here to play out our part in God’s plan, whatever that is. What would God have you do right now? Who do you need to forgive? Who needs your fervent prayer?

*"For even the Son of Man Came
not to be served, But to serve others..."*

Mark 10:45a (NLT)