

# PHILEMON

In this letter Paul is writing personally to Philemon, rather than a whole church and he is asking a favour. He wants Philemon to forgive Onesimus, a slave of Philemon's, for running away. This might seem like a simple request but it would have meant that Philemon would be putting his reputation on the line, he would have been within his rights to have Onesimus killed, a forgiving master would have had him beaten. But Paul is reminding Philemon that as a follower of Jesus he is called to love.

What if you were in Philemon's shoes?  
What if you were in Onesimus' shoes?  
What would your response to Paul be?  
We find it difficult to relate to the thoughts of slaves and masters today. What would an equivalent of the big favour Paul asks be today?

## SONGS

THIS IS AMAZING  
GRACE

**PHIL WICKHAM**

YOUR LOVE NEVER  
FAILS

## NEWSBOYS

**WRITE A RESPONSE  
TO PAUL TELLING  
HIM WHAT  
HAPPENED WHEN  
ONESIMUS ARRIVED.**