

# **Sermon Name: The Gospel According to Philemon**

## **Scripture Reading: Philemon 17-25**

### ***Opening Question:***

Can you think of a time where someone stood up for you or when you stood up for someone?

<b>Paul's Letter</b>	<b>Verse</b>	<b>Content/Reference (ESV)</b>
1 Corinthians	16:21	"I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand."
Galatians	6:11	"See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand!"
Colossians	4:18	"I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you."
2 Thessalonians	3:17	"I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the sign of genuineness in every letter of mine; it is the way I write."
Romans	16:22	"I Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord."

### ***Who are the people in Philemon 23-24?***

- ***Epaphras***: Fellow prisoner | Colossians 4:12, Philemon 23.
- ***Mark***: Fellow worker. Writer of Gospel of Mark | Acts 12:12, Acts 12:25, Acts 15:37-39, Philemon 24.
- ***Aristarchus***: Fellow worker | Acts 19:29, 20:4, 27:2, Philemon 24.
- ***Demas***: Fellow worker. | Colossians 4:14, 2 Timothy 4:10, Philemon 24.
- ***Luke***: Fellow worker. Writer of Gospel of Luke and Book of Acts. | Colossians 4:14, 2 Timothy 4:11, Philemon 24.

### ***Closing Question:***

How can we stand as a beacon of hope of reconciliation and grace?

<b>St. Francis Prayer</b>	<b>Bible Verses</b>
Lord, make me an Instrument of Peace	Isaiah 52:7, Romans 10:15
Where there is hatred, let me sow love	1 John 4:7-8, Romans 12:21
Where there is injury, pardon	Colossians 3:13, Ephesians 4:32
Where there is doubt, faith	Hebrews 11:1, James 1:6
Where there is despair, hope	Romans 15:13, Psalm 42:11
Where there is darkness, light	Matthew 5:14, John 1:5
Where there is sadness, joy	John 16:22, Psalm 30:5
Seeking to console, understand, and love	Philippians 2:3-4, 1 Peter 3:8
For it is in giving that we receive	Acts 20:35, Luke 6:38
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned	Matthew 6:14, Mark 11:25
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life	John 11:25, Romans 6:4