

Philemon v 8-9

LOVE

Lessons

Learned...

...from

Grace

Pt 2

God's Love = AGAPE

Agape =
An Active Determination Of
Your Will
To Benefit Another...
...Without Regard
...For Your Own Benefit
Power Behind Grace

BY GRACE
YOU HAVE BEEN
SAVED THROUGH
FAITH AND
THAT NOT OF
YOURSELVES; IT
IS THE
GIFT OF GOD

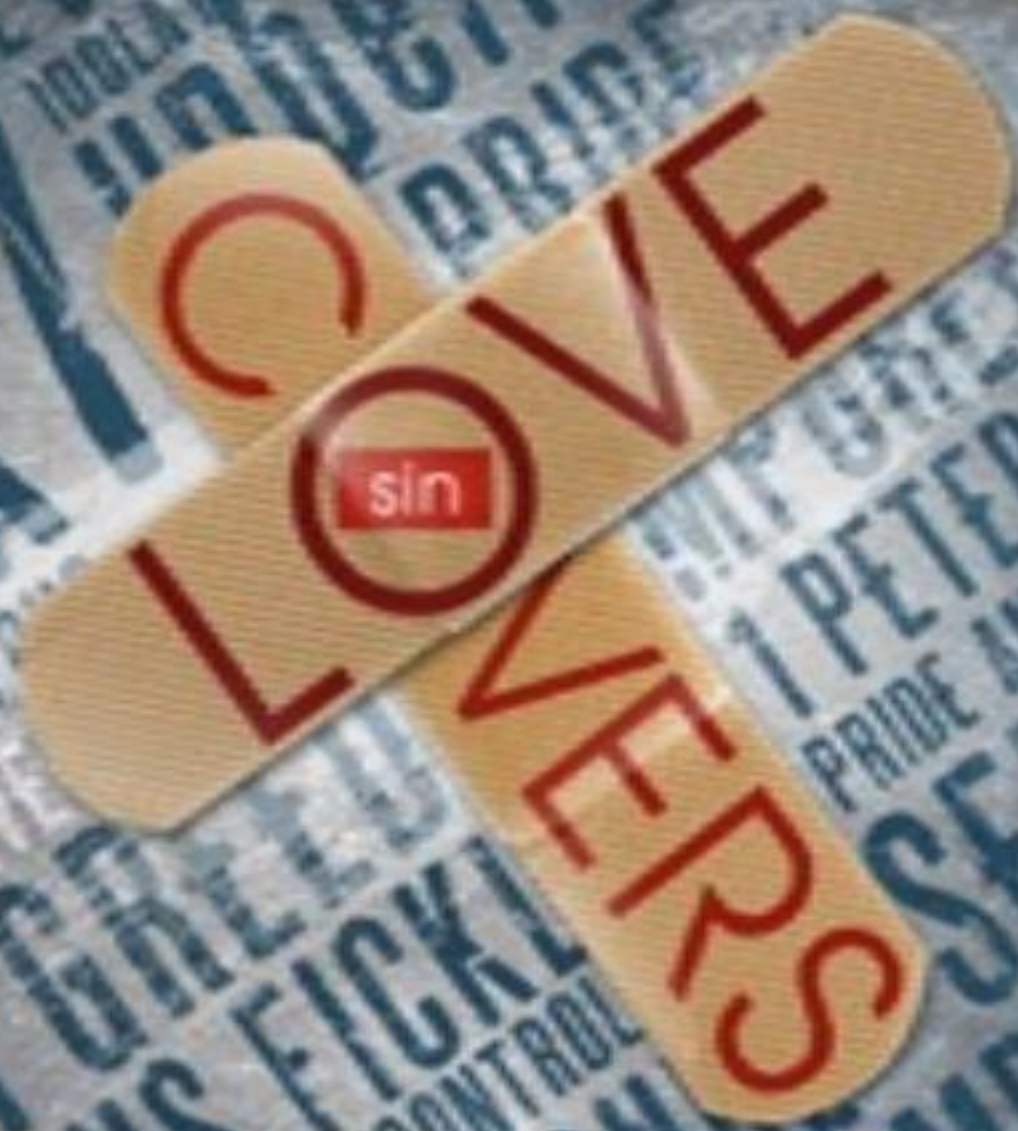
EPHESIANS 2:8

Our Challenge to Grace

**Accept
By Faith**

**Pass ON
By Works
(Attitude – Actions)**

EPHESIANS 2:8





Above all, have fervent *and* unfailing love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins [it overlooks unkindness and unselfishly seeks the best for others]. **1 Peter 4:8**

God Never Said That We Had To...

- **Approve Of**
- **Participate With**
- We Do Have to Show**
 - **Agape**

Above all, have fervent *and* unfailing love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins [it overlooks unkindness and unselfishly seeks the best for others]. **1 Peter 4:8**

The background features a stylized, high-contrast illustration of two hands. One hand is at the top right, holding a scroll that extends towards the center. The other hand is at the bottom left, also holding a scroll that extends towards the center. The scrolls appear to contain text, though it is not legible. The background is a gradient of purple and pink, with numerous small, white, star-like specks scattered throughout, giving it a celestial or ethereal feel.

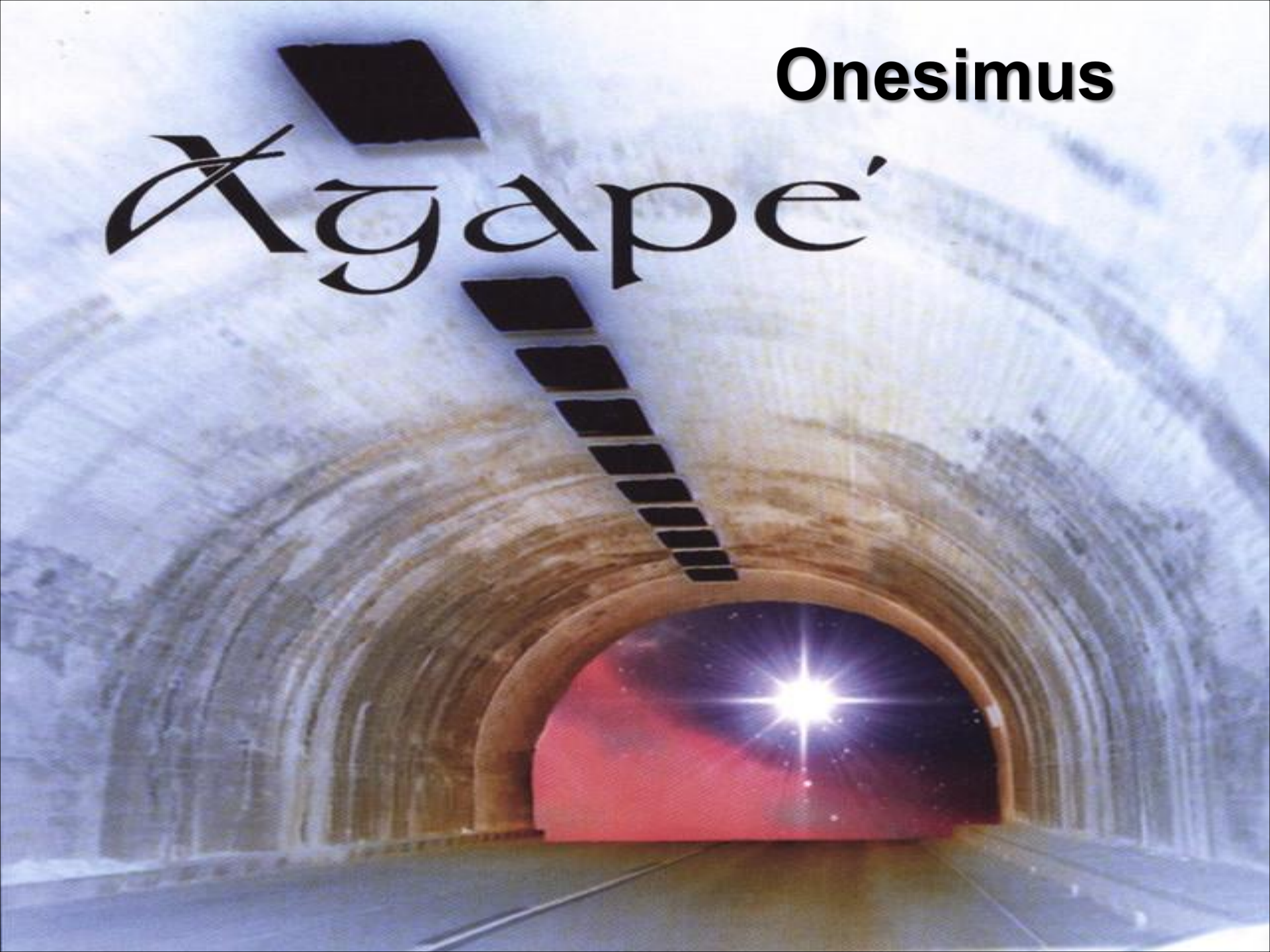
Agape Exemplified

PHILEMON

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND FORGIVENESS IN ACTION

Onesimus

Agape'



Onesimus

Slave = Employee Today

Grace Will Chase You

...Will Find You Where You Are

☐ **Slave**

☐ **Status**

- **Socially without Status**
- **Criminally without Excuses**
- **Personally without Hope**

☐ **Stop**

"Your breaking
point is really your
making point."

**When You've Gone As Far As You Can Go-
*Your Stopping Point...***

...Becomes HIS Starting Point

For at this Point...

...Grace Can Take Over!!!

A Stop Point Need Not be an ending



A Stop Point Need Not be an ending

Signs You Are At Your “Stopping Point”

- ☐ **Overloaded**
 - **No More Options**
- ☐ **Overcommitted**
 - **No More Excuses**
- ☐ **Overspent**
 - **No More Energy**

**The Fork in Road Turned Into...
“Dead End”**



Why Does God Allow Us to... ...Get to this Point?

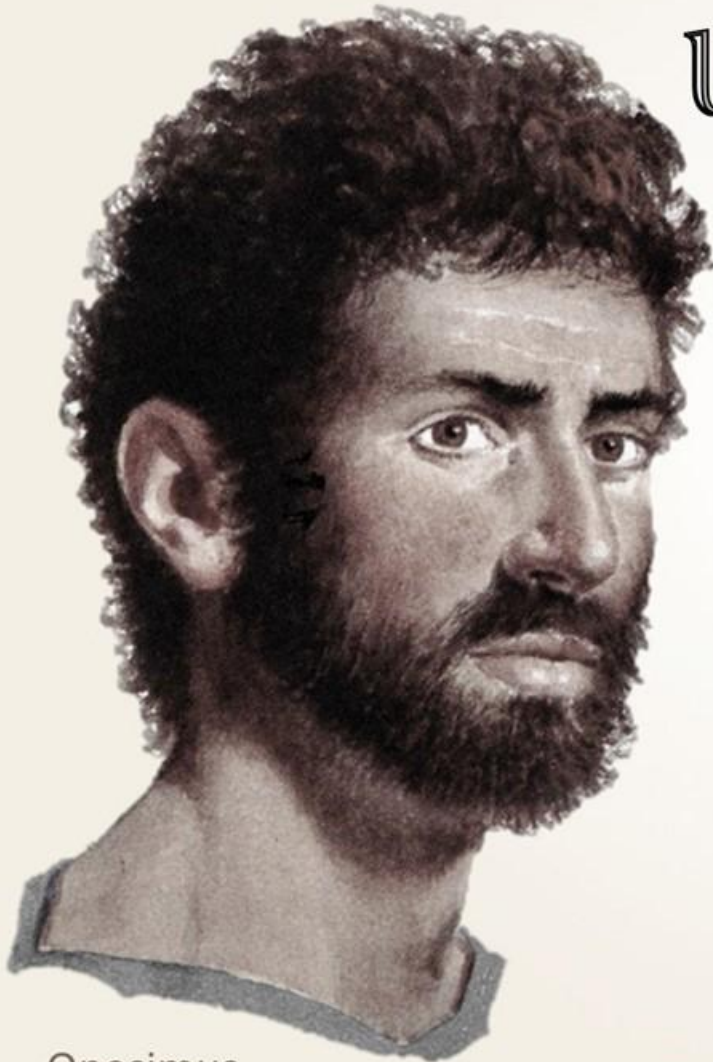
- **Points to Power of the Cross...**
 - *We All Need His Help*
- **Brings Message of Grace/ Mercy to Life**
 - *Now It's Personal*
- **Prompts Reliance Upon Him/ Others**
 - *We Can't Do It Alone*
- **Show Us/ Others We Can Still Be Used**
 - *Even in the Worst of Situations*

Move Beyond Guilt to Usefulness Again!

He was formerly was
useless but now is

useful

Philemon 1: 11



Onesimus

He was formerly was
God was About to

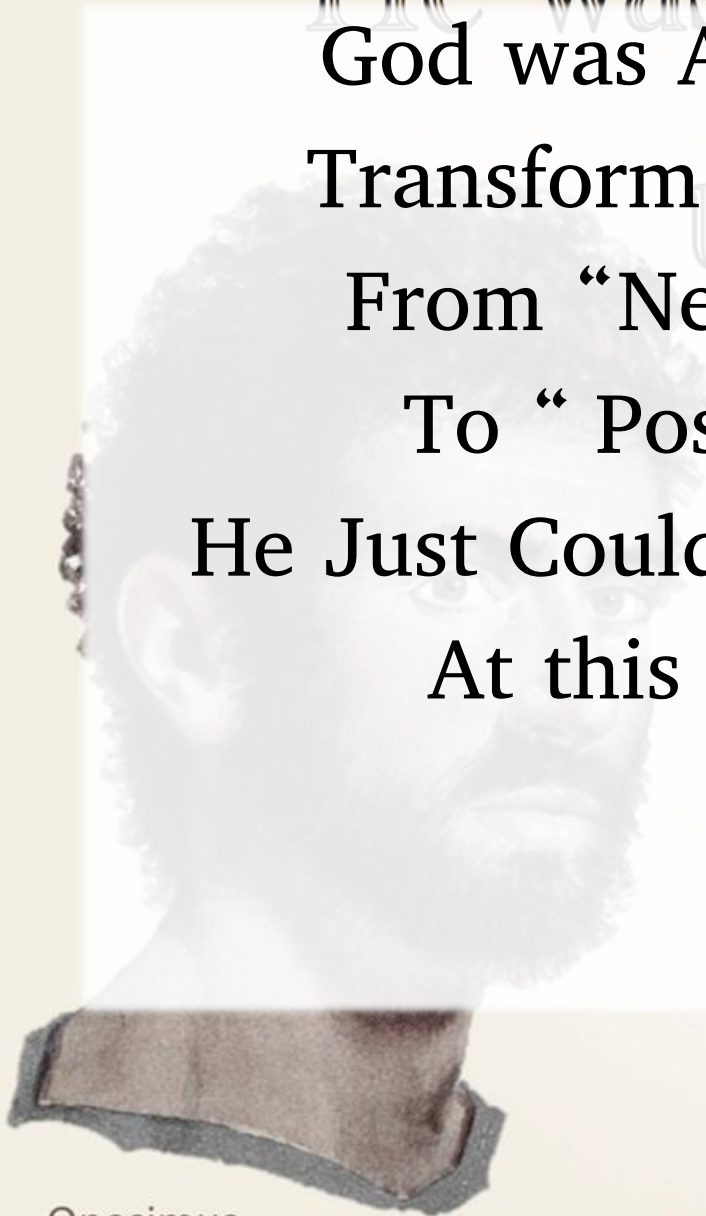
Transform His Life
From “Negative”

To “Positive”

He Just Could Not See It
At this Time

useful

Philemon 1: 11



Onesimus

He was formerly was
God was About to

Transform His Life
From “Negative”

To “Positive”

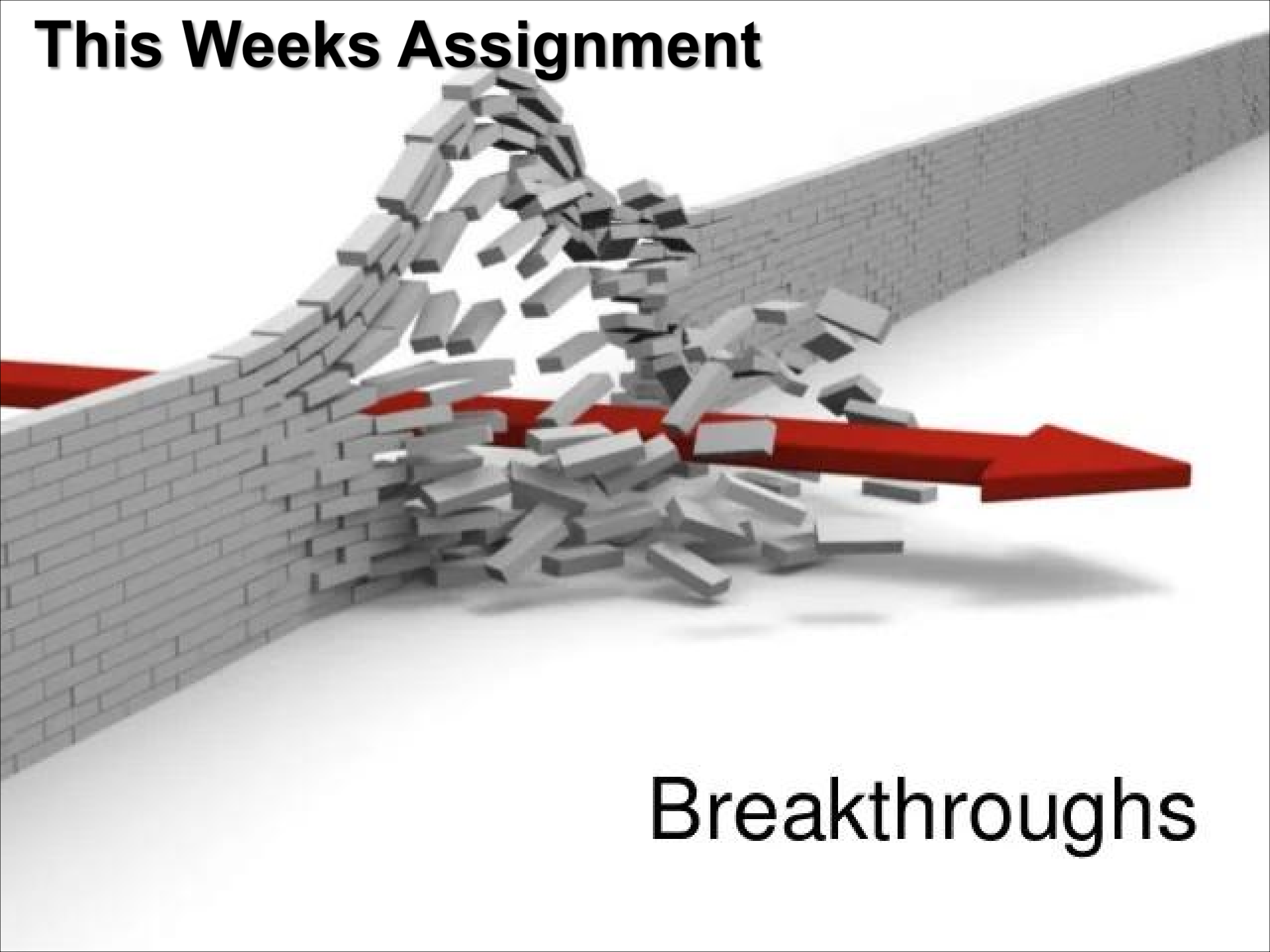
He Just Could Not See It
At this Time

Ever Been There?

useful

Philemon 1: 11

This Weeks Assignment



Breakthroughs

This Weeks Assignment



**When You Are in a
Season that You Wish
Would Just End,
Don't Complain
Don't Make Excuses**

Breakthroughs

This Weeks Assignment



**When You Are in a
Season that You Wish
Would Just End,
Don't Complain
Don't Make Excuses
Start Taking Notes
It's Preparation...
For Break Through**