

Philemon v 8-9

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**

A close-up photograph of a yellow rectangular sign with the word "LOVE" written in large, red, sans-serif capital letters. In the center of the letter "O", there is a smaller red rectangular sticker with the word "sin" written in white. The sign is positioned diagonally on a surface with a blue and white checkered pattern. In the background, out-of-focus text is visible, including "DRIVE", "PETER", "PRIDE", and "SCE".



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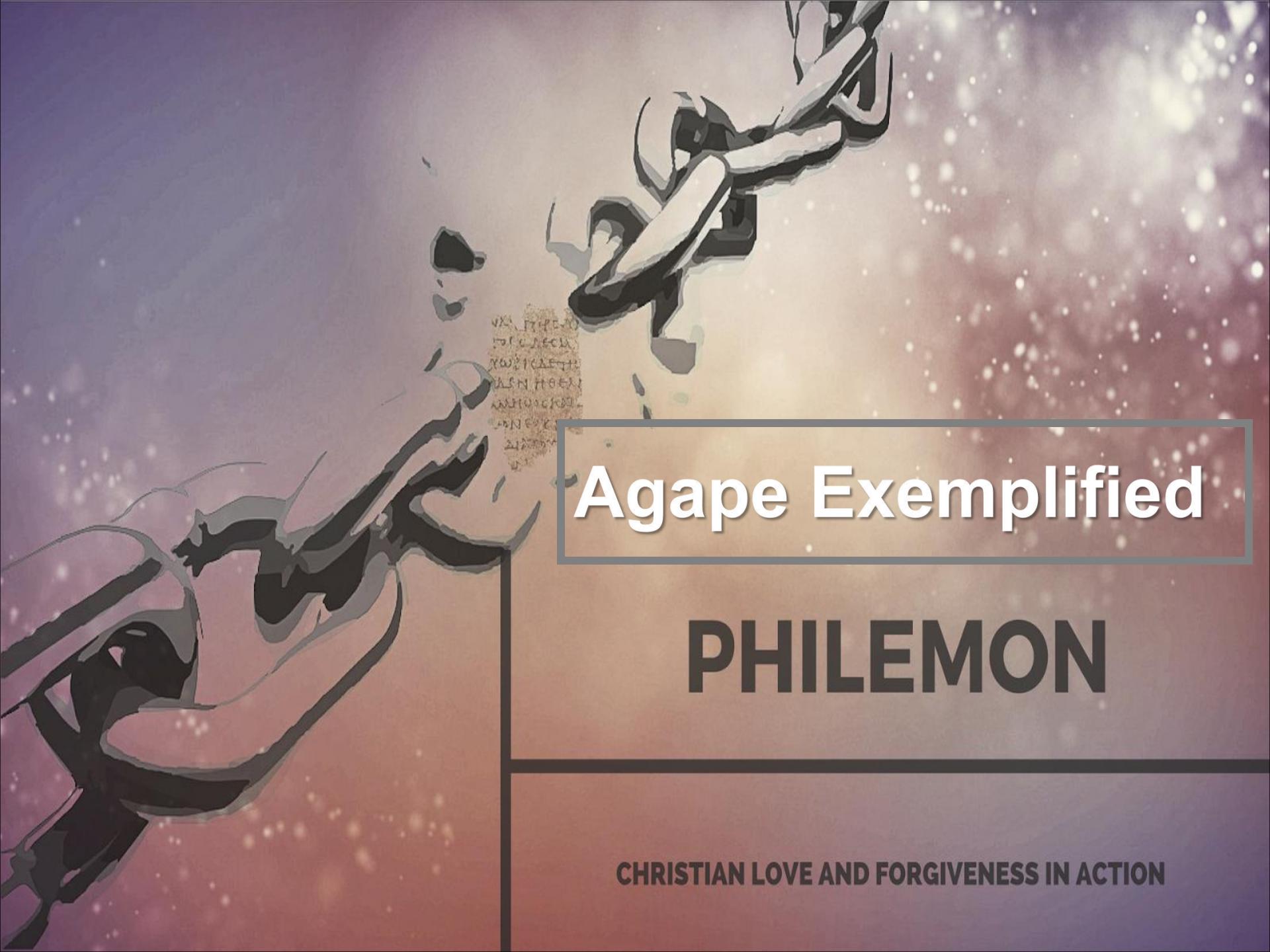
# **God Never Said That We Had To...**

- **Approve Of**
- **Participate With**

## **We Do Have to Show**

- **Agape**

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Agape Exemplified

# PHILEMON

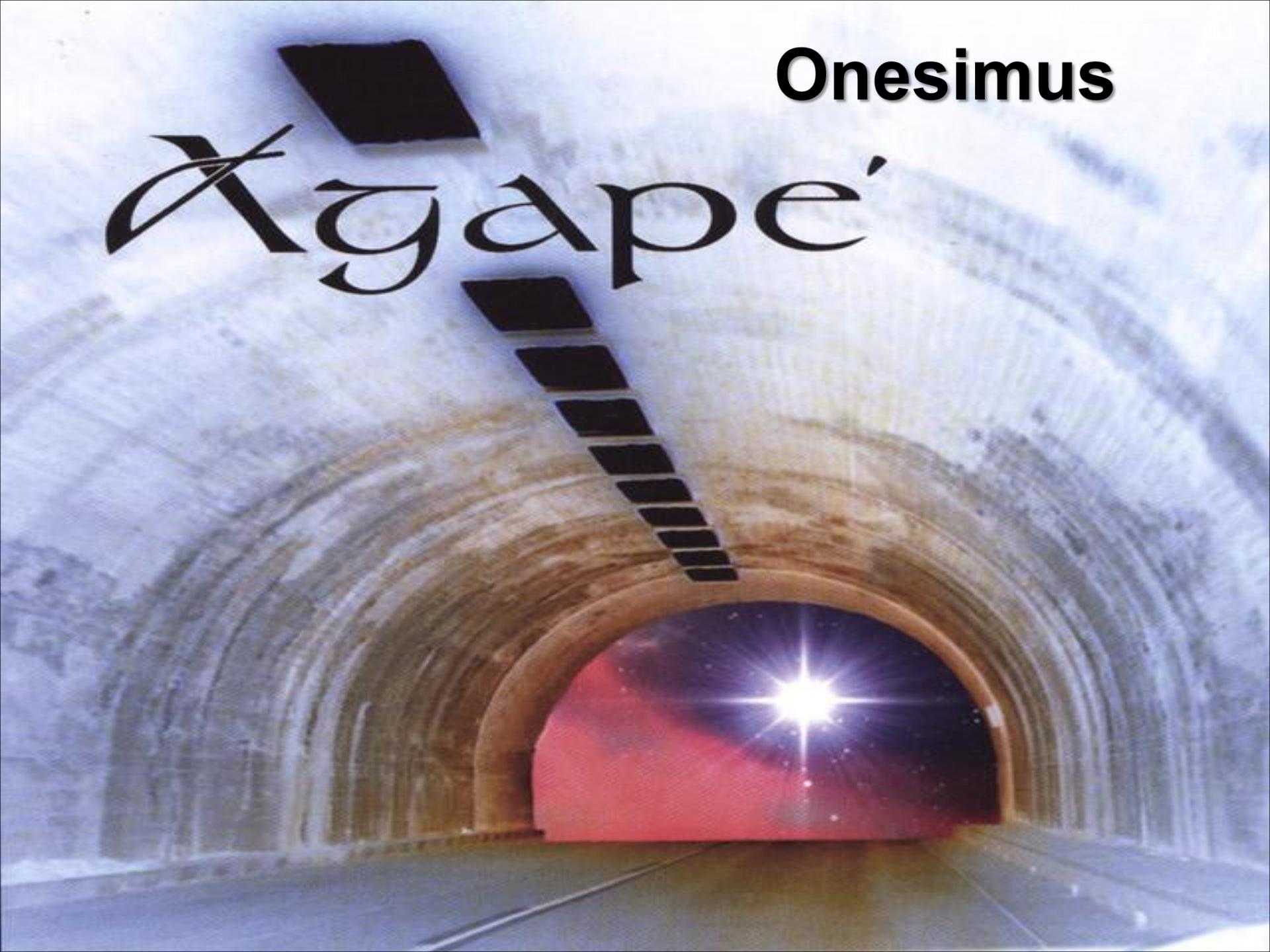
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CHRISTIAN LOVE AND FORGIVENESS IN ACTION

Onesimus

Agapé'



# 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



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## 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”**



**BREAKTHROUGH**

# 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*

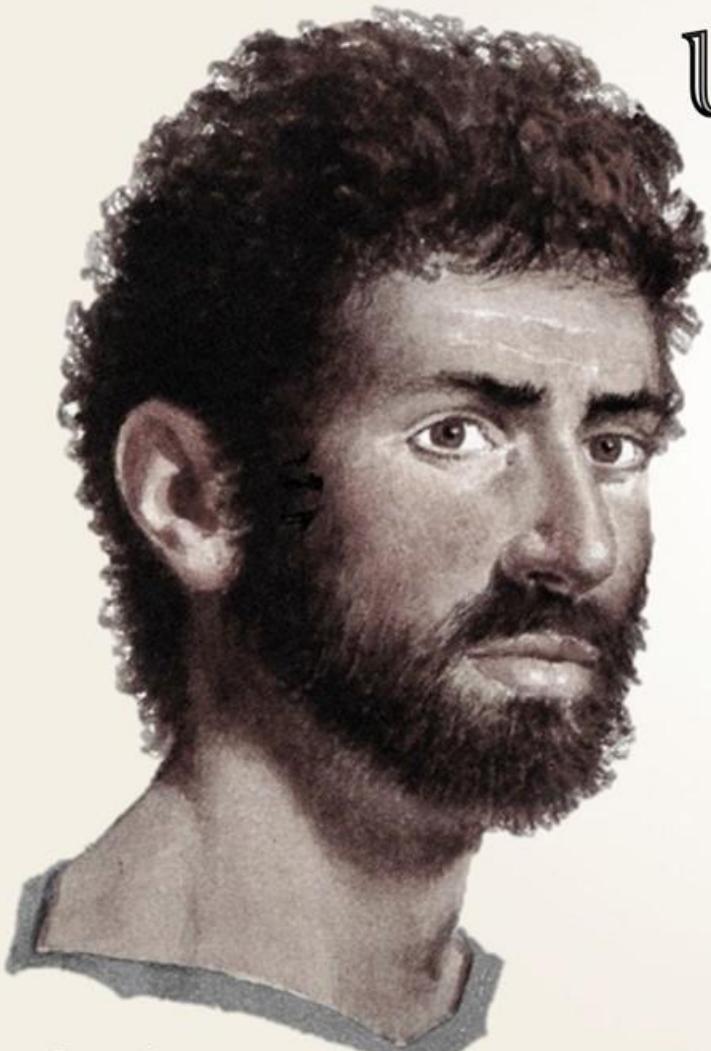
***Move Beyond Guilt to Usefulness Again!***

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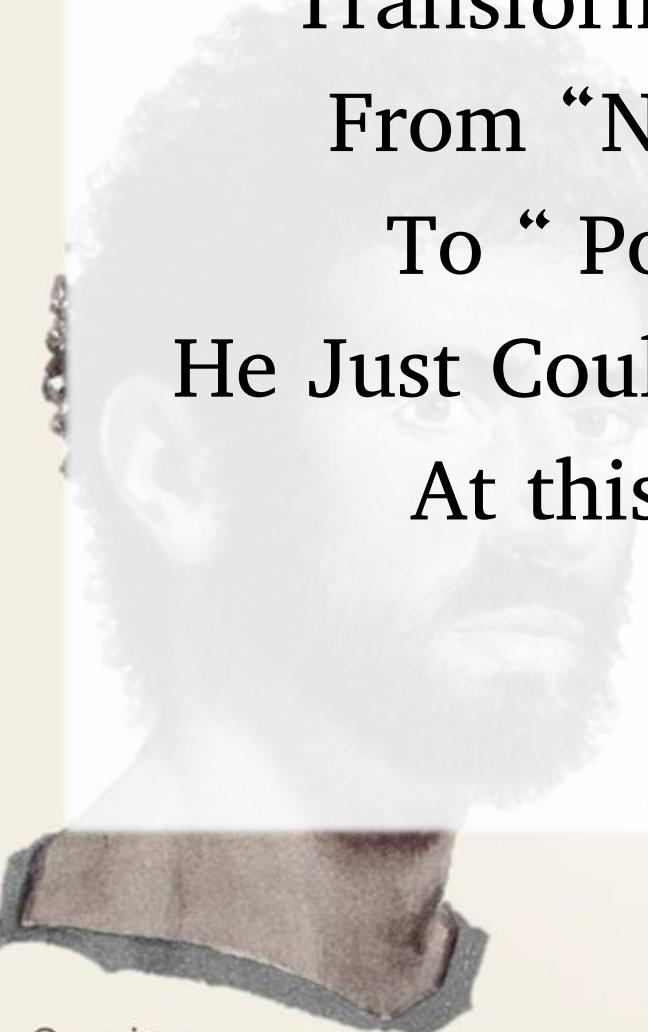
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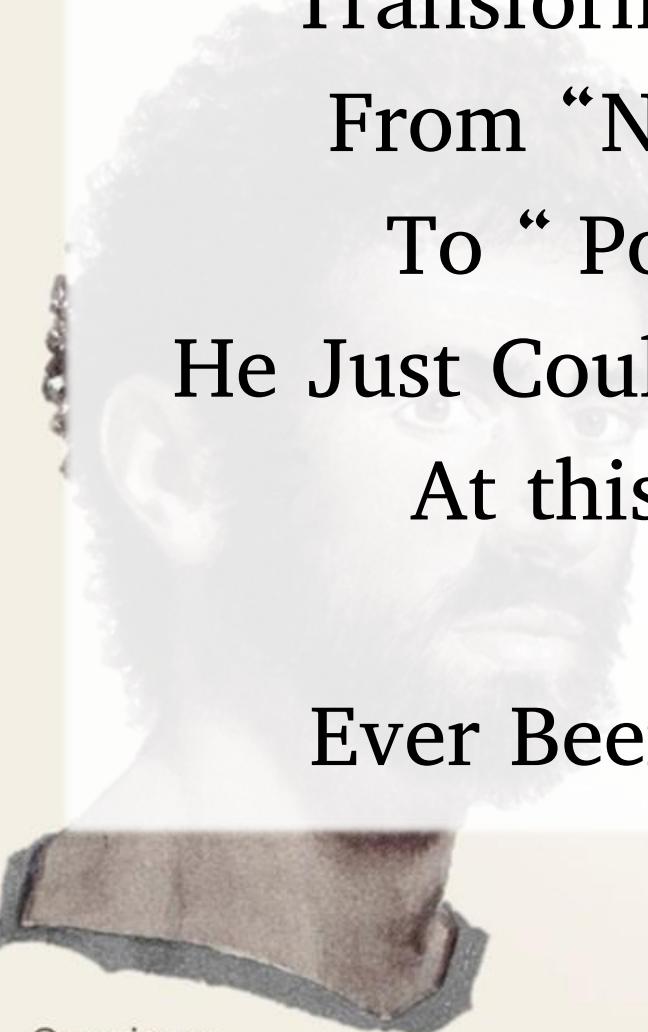
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For Break Through**