

Philemon v 8-9

LOVE

Lessons

Learned...

...from

Grace

Pt 3

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

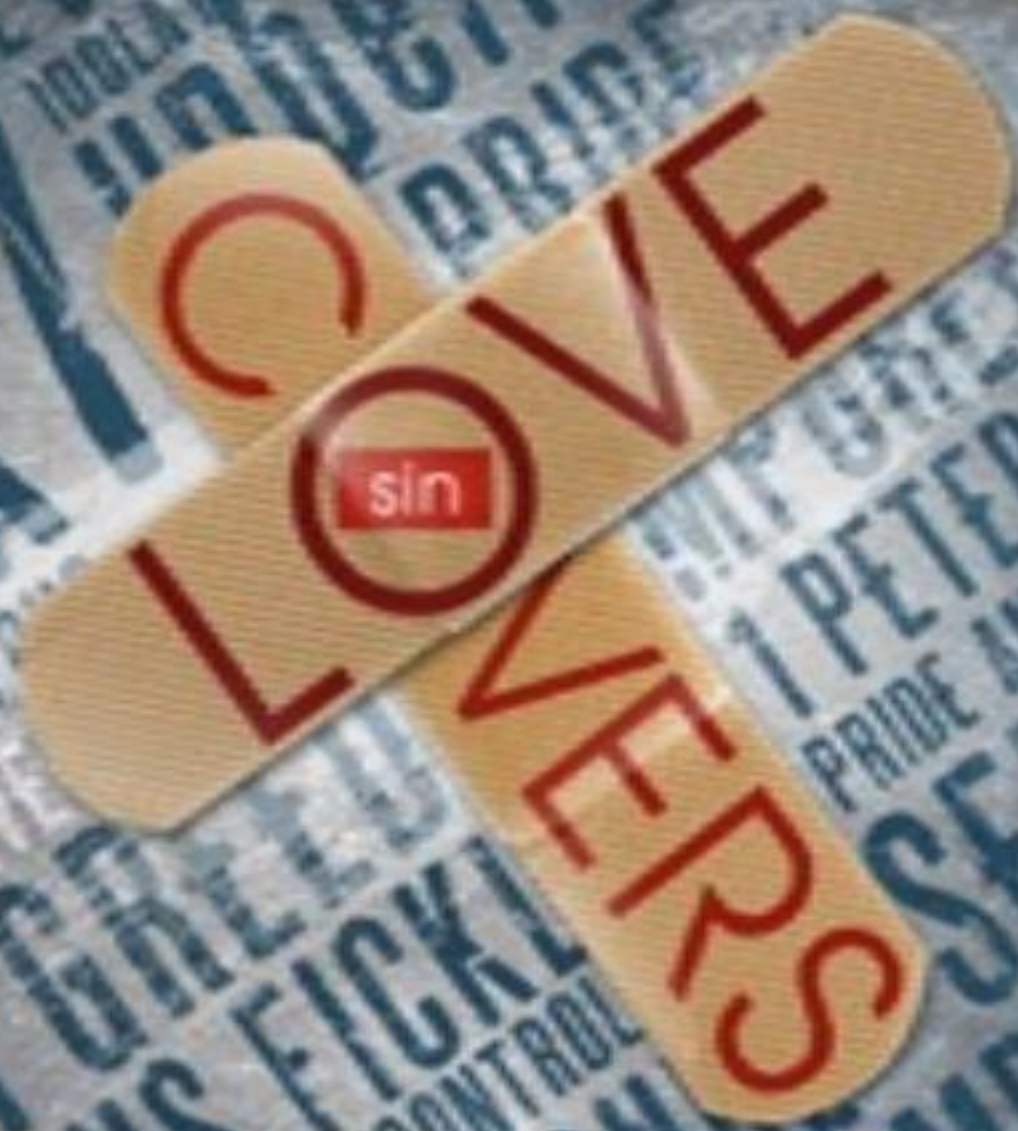
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Our Challenge to Grace

Accept
By Faith

Pass ON
By Works
(Attitude – Actions)



Love is to FORGIVE



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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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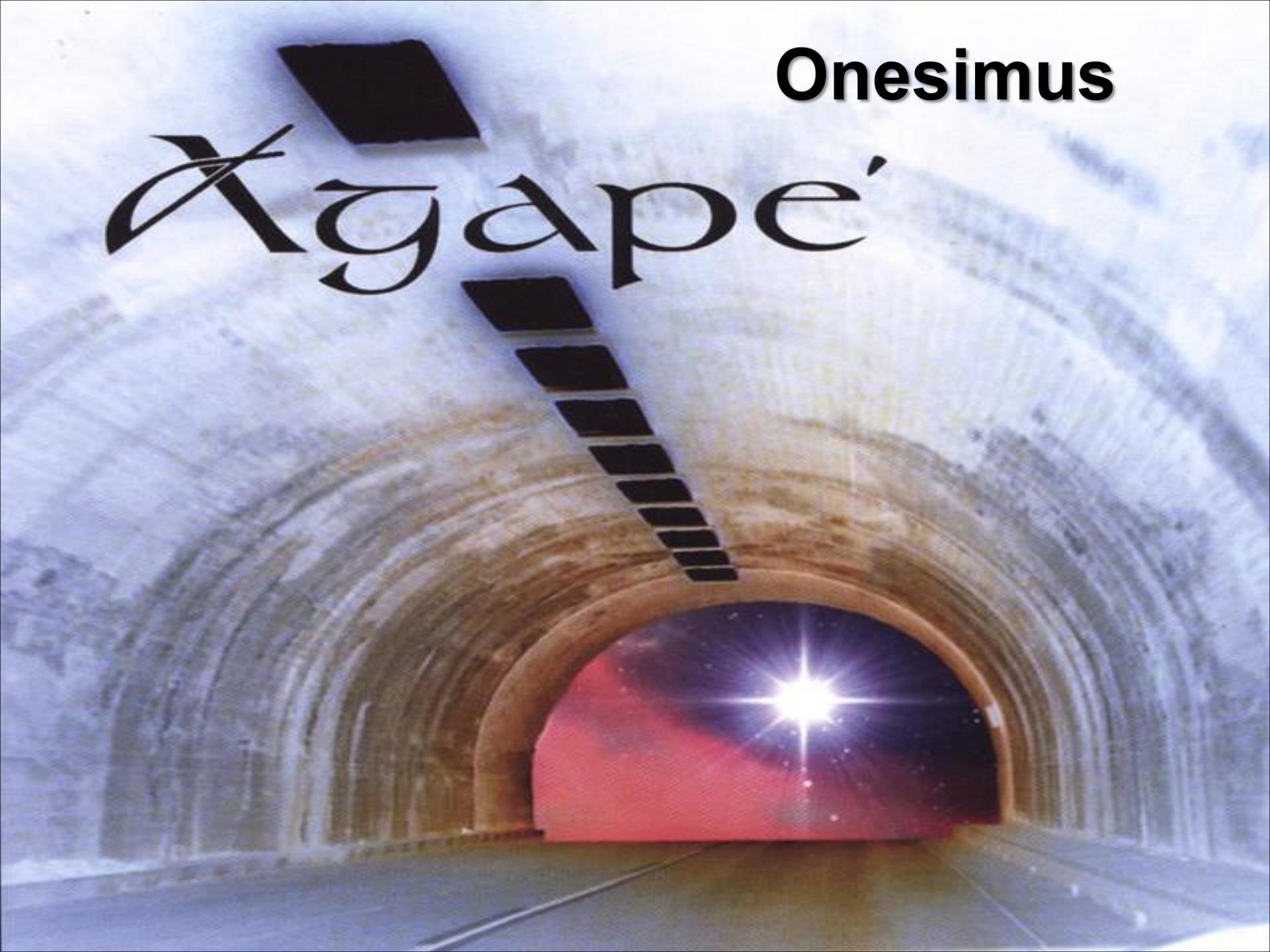
Agape Exemplified

PHILEMON

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND FORGIVENESS IN ACTION

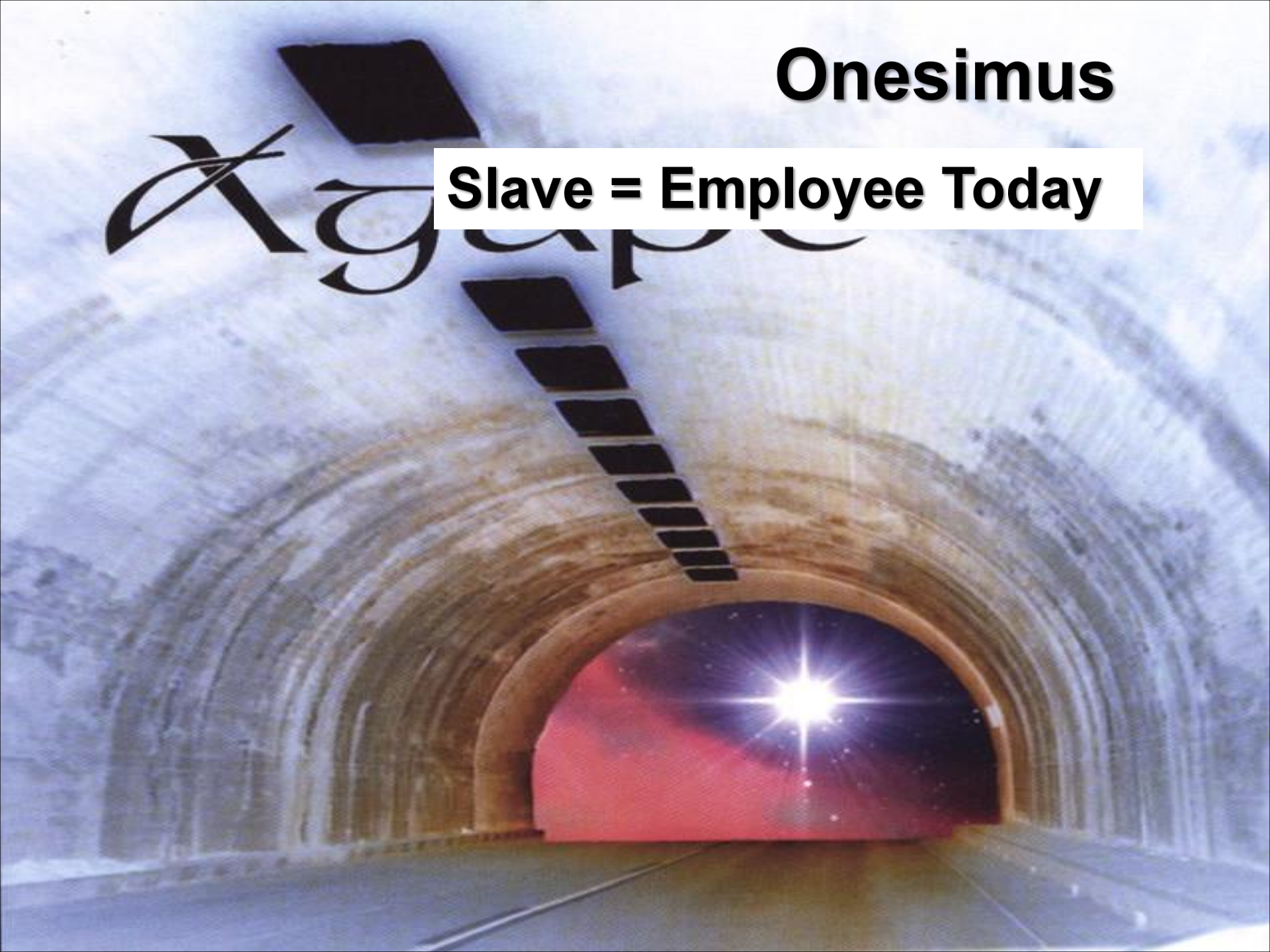
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Agape'



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Slave = Employee Today



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Grace Will Chase You

...Will Find You Where You Are

☐ **Slave**

☐ **Status**

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

☐ **Stop**

Paul's Letter to Philemon.

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Grace Will Confront You (8-11)

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...deals directly with the Problem

☐ Removes Excuses

☐ Recalls Responsibility

- Philemon (8-10)

- Onesimus (10-11)

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Grace Does Not Help You...

...Escape Your Past

It Helps You Face It...

...Deal With It

Rise Above It

Grace Will Change You

...will not leave you as you are

☐ Philemon (1, 7)

- Was unsaved when found
- Paul evangelized, disciplined
- Served with Paul



Grace Will Change You

**HIS GRACE
REFINES US**

*HIS GRACE HELPS US BECOME
OUR BEST SELVES.*

- DIETER F. UCHTDORF

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❑ Philemon (1, 7)

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- Served with Paul

❑ Onesimus (11)

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- Paul evangelized, disciplined
- Served with Paul

For this perhaps is
why he was parted
from you for a
while, that you
might have him
back forever,

Philemon 1:15 ESV

Grace Will Challenge You

...to become what you can be

☐ Restoration (12)

- Onesimus – make things right

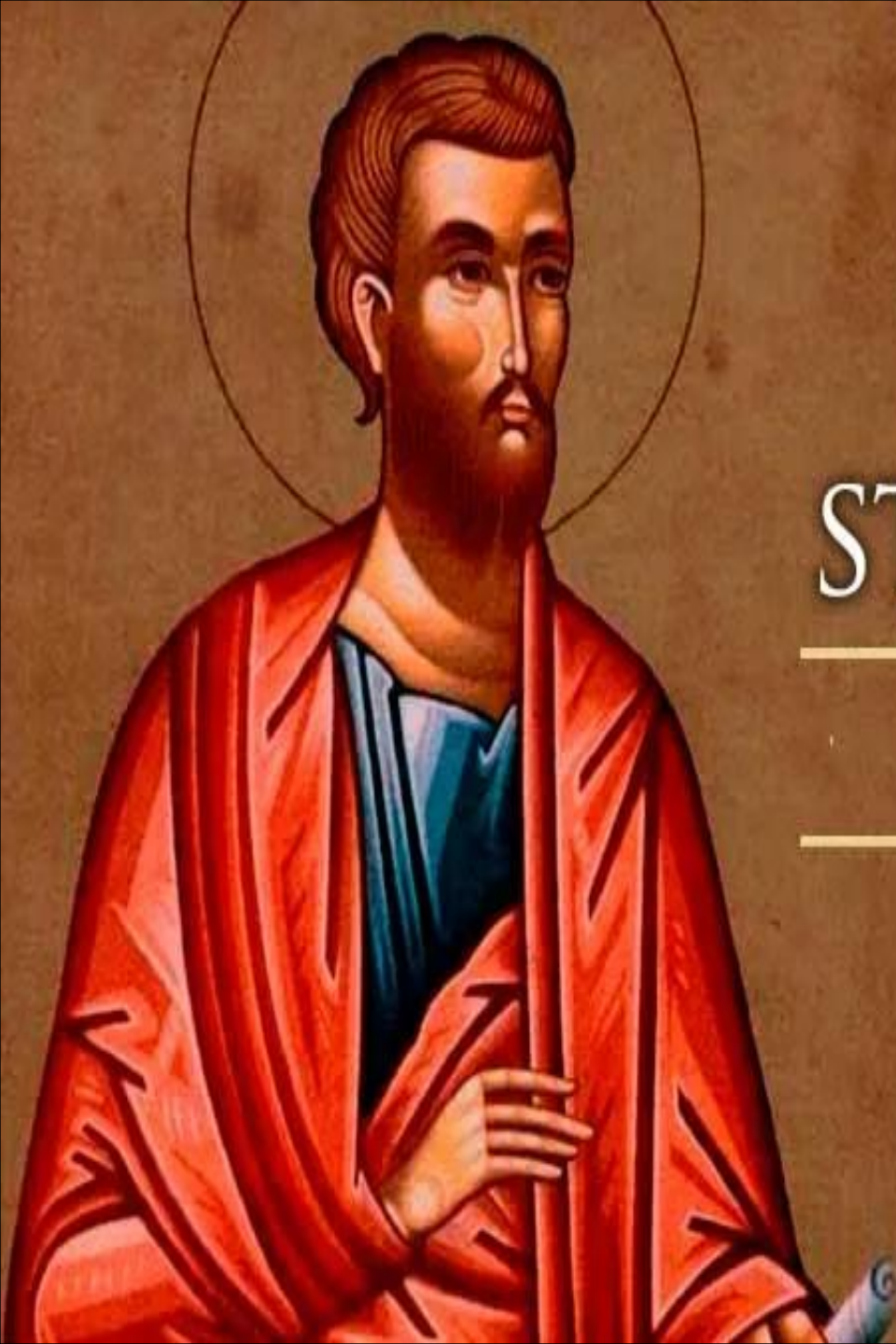
☐ Resolution (12, 20, 21)

- Philemon – take back as a brother

☐ Resolution (16-17)

- Paul – I will repay

Philemon 1:15 ESV



ST. ONESIMUS

February 16th



Grace Will Challenge You

...to become what you can be

44 years later...

Ignatius wrote to...

...Bishop of Ephesus.

...His Name was Onesimus

**1 Cor 13:7, “Love beareth all things
Believeth all things...**



*No one has
love greater
than this, that
someone should
surrender his
soul in behalf
of his friends.*

John 15:13

Grace Will Challenge You

I Cor 13:7,

Love beareth all things- *to roof over*

-love covers multitude of sins

Believeth all things- *to have faith*

-not gullible – but has faith in people

Hopeth all things- *to expect or confide*

-sees the bright side of things

Endureth all things- *to stay under*

-Perseveres –like a stout-hearted soldier

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Grace Will Challenge You

Calvary



Grace Will Challenge You

Calvary

- **Greatest Show Of Agape/ Grace**
- **Takes Away...**
 - ...All of Our Rights to**
 - ...Avenge or**
 - ...Hold a Grudge!**

This Weeks Assignment



Instead of Being..

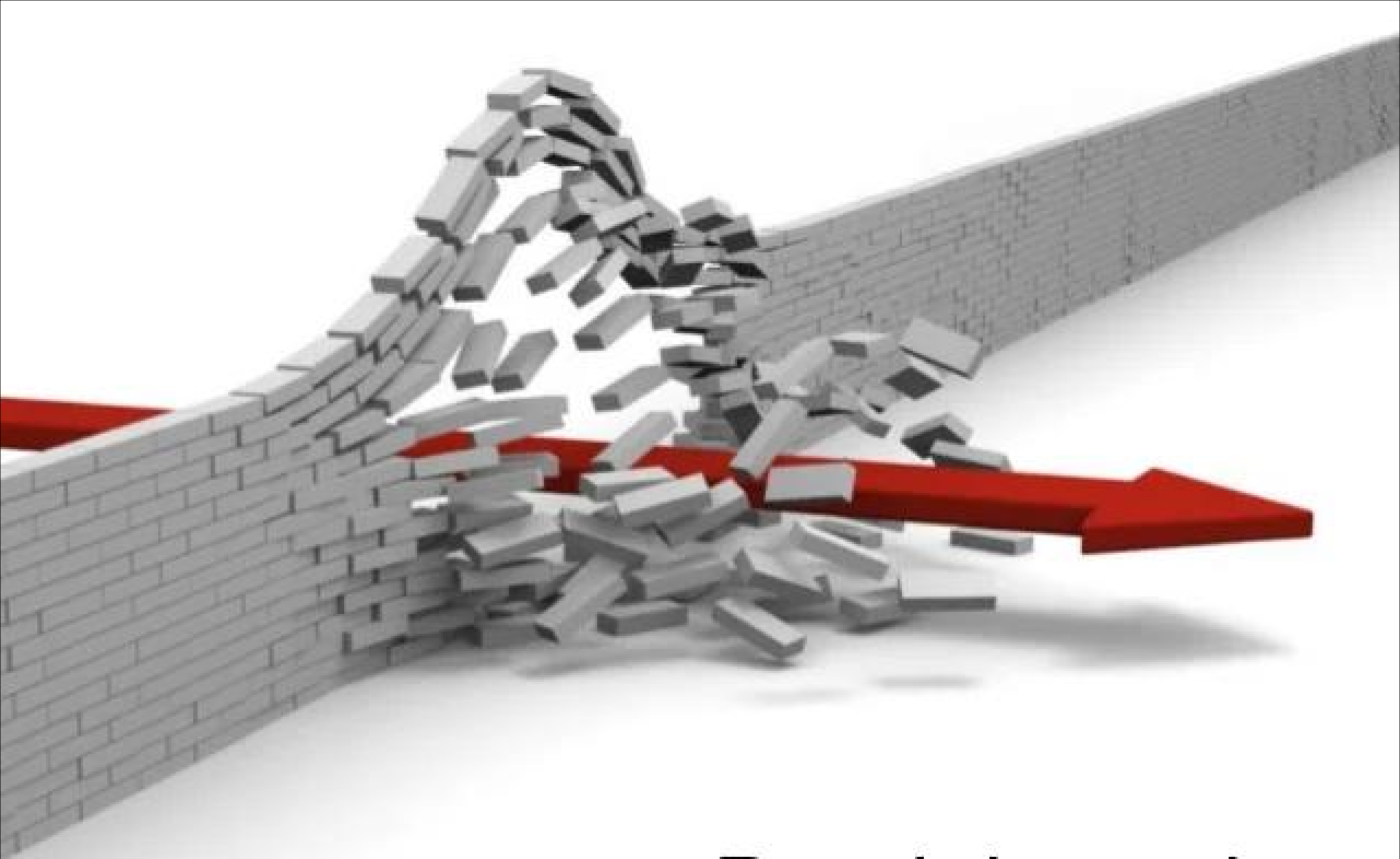
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☐ **Pride**

☐ **Hurt**

Breakthroughs



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**Watch Your Life Change
Drastically!**