

**Small Packages**  
**“Forgiveness Illustrated”**  
**Philemon**

**The Importance of the “little bit”**

- A smile, a hug, a touch, a word...a moment

*“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.”*

– Matthew 10:29-31

**Background of Philemon**

- Personal Letter

From Paul (and Timothy)

To Philemon (Apphia and Archippus)

- Circumstances
- A Runaway Slave (Onesimus)
- A Transformation

“Useless” to “useful”

- Purpose

Forgiveness and restoration

**Prayerful Commendation**

- Love and \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus

- \_\_\_\_\_ for the saints
- \_\_\_\_\_ the saints
- \_\_\_\_\_ the saints

**Request for Restoration**

1. Forgiveness transforms \_\_\_\_\_
2. Forgiveness transforms \_\_\_\_\_
3. Forgiveness transforms \_\_\_\_\_

**Offer for Restitution**

- Debts paid
- Relationship restored

**Confident in Compliance**

“I know you’ll do the right thing”

“Refresh my heart in Christ”

**Celebrating Our Forgiveness and Restoration**

- Colossians 2:13,14
- Romans 6:23
- John 3:16