



TIME OUT DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Daily Words of Encouragement

FROM YOUR TNAZ PASTORAL LEADERS

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I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. (Philemon 1:6)

Philemon is often one of the most overlooked books of the Bible but carries important wisdom. In this verse, Paul, writing from prison, is addressing Philemon, a fellow believer and friend. Despite his dire situation, Paul's words speak to the idea that our faith is not a solitary journey but one that is enriched and made more effective through our interactions and partnerships with others. It is a reminder that in sharing our faith, we not only help others grow, but also gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the good things we have in Christ.

Paul's request for Philemon to accept his runaway slave, Onesimus, now a Christian brother, back into his household without punishment is an example of this principle in action. It shows how faith sees nothing of status, but calls for a community built on forgiveness, love, and mutual edification of the Body.

This verse from Philemon encourages us to reflect on our own relationships within our faith community. It challenges us to consider how we are deepening our understanding and expression of the good things in Christ through our interactions with others. Friends, let this verse serve as a call to active participation in the body of Christ, fostering a spirit of grace that can transform lives and relationships.

Word, walk, world...

In joy,
Pastor Dustin