



Heartbeats along the way: The Refreshed Heart

Philemon 1:7. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

In this brief personal letter, Paul is writing to Philemon, a Christian whom Paul introduced to Christ. Philemon had a slave, Onesimus, who ran away to join Paul and serve him while Paul was imprisoned in Rome. Paul points out that earlier in his life Onesimus was considered 'worthless,' probably the reason that Philemon did not pursue the slave.

But Paul declares that he is now useful, and that he (Paul) wishes to do the right thing and return Onesimus to Philemon. So Paul pleads that he be welcomed back as Paul himself would be. And he points out the excellent Christian witness that Philemon has become, giving Paul joy and encouragement while he is in prison. He concludes that Philemon's example has refreshed the hearts of the saints.

We have the opportunity to be a Philemon - to express our joy and encouragement to the Building Committee for all its work to date. Consider this halftime. It has performed splendidly for two quarters. And yes, there is a great deal more to do. So let us refresh the hearts of our Building Committee by telling them how much we appreciate their steadfast, Holy Spirit - inspired work on behalf of us and on behalf of the future of CUMC. Their names and responsibilities are on the back.

"Lord Jesus, we humbly thank You for the gift of encouragement from our Building Committee, and the opportunity to encourage and refresh them. Their work refreshes our hearts and helps us to go forth in Your Name. We especially lift up our Building Committee, thanking you for their faithfulness and success. Amen."

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