



Press on towards the goal



▶ Philipians 3:13-14 New International Version (NIV)

- ▶ **Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**

21st Century Spiritual Discipleship Journey

- ▶ **We have the same start and finish point**
- ▶ **Each Journey is unique**
- ▶ **It is directed by the Holy Spirit**

A Culture of Unforgiveness

The world today

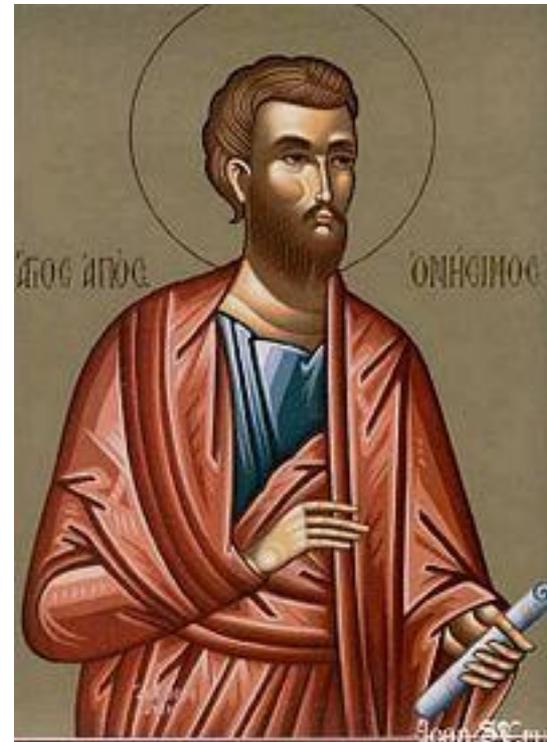
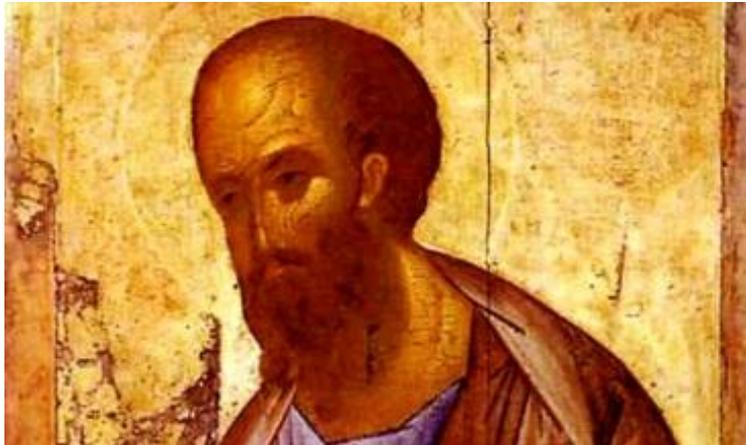
- **National and Sectarian wars**
- **Family breakdown**
- **Social collapse**

John 10:10

The Book of Philemon

- ▶ **Written to** : **Philemon Appia and Archipus**
- ▶ **Written By** : **Paul**
- ▶ **Written from** : **Rome or Ephesus**
- ▶ **Written in** : **Between AD59 and AD61**

Paul and Onesimus



Interesting facts

- 1. Philemon's name means loving or affectionate. Became a Christian in Ephesus as a result of Paul's preaching. Wealthy Colossian businessman**
- 2. Onesimus a Phrigian. Name means profitable / useful. He was a slave.**
- 3. 3rd smallest book in the bible with 335 words**

Unfair forgiveness

Joseph

Jesus

Solomon

Bible Disciplines

- **Romans 12:18 -19** ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath *of God*, for it is written, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord.
- **2 Cor 5 18-19** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.
- **Matthew 6:12** Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

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What about you ?