

# Unshakeable part 1

Book of Philemon

**JESUS** is unshakeable...

Because His **CHARACTER** and His life

**PRINCIPLES** are unshakeable.

You can **DEVELOP** His character and adopt His life principles.

Therefore **YOUR** life can become unshakeable.

Unshakeable life principles:

Principle #1 – We're all wearing the same **JERSEY** vs. 1-2

- Brings **EQUALITY** – laying aside '**POSITION**' in life
- Brings healthy **ACCOUNTABILITY** – personal matters impact faith community

▶ '**PERSONAL** Matter' ≠ '**PRIVATE** Matter'

▶ **HEALTHY** Accountability = Healthy Faith **COMMUNITY**

Principle #2 – Always enter with '**GRACE**' and '**PEACE**' vs. 3

▶ **ASSUMPTIONS** filled with grace and peace

▶ **ATTITUDES** of grace and peace

▶ **WORDS** of grace and peace

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## Life Group Discussion Questions – February 7, 2021

**Philippians 2:1-2** *Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.*

### DISCOVER (read Philemon)

1. In the epistle's greeting, why does Paul not mention his Roman imprisonment yet refer to himself as a "prisoner of Christ Jesus"?
2. There was a house church meeting regularly at Philemon's home. What might this say about him? What clues are there in the first three verses that give an idea of how Paul feels about Philemon?

### EXPLORE

1. Though this is a personal letter to Philemon, why would Paul want this letter shared with the entire church? How would you feel if you were Philemon?
2. Jesus was unshakable as He lived-out His divine character. You are also of divine character. How is Jesus' steadfast temperament so important for our character development? How did His incarnation invalidate any earthly position or title we might have?
3. Paul had the right to command Philemon to receive Onesimus but chose to appeal to Philemon in love. Why was this a better approach than a more autocratic one?
4. How might the tone of Paul's letter to Philemon be different if Onesimus was not a believer? Why is this important?

### EXPERIENCE

1. Make a list of some of the advantages and disadvantages of church meetings conducted in homes. How can your Life Group overcome the shuttering effect of the pandemic?
2. Do you or others notice informal positions in your Life Group? If your meeting together was not about Jesus, would you still meet? Why do you think that is? What does this say about the centrality of Jesus?
3. Imagine you are a modern-day Philemon and Paul was compelled to write you a letter. What kind of things would he say? Would Paul express joy at your testimony or sadness because of a lack of commitment or obedience?

### PRAY

Thank God the Father for His grace and Jesus for His peace. Praise God that He has chosen you to be His bond-servant, a prisoner of Christ Jesus. Ask God to help you discern how to approach difficult situations with believers and with people outside of the faith. Pray that you would remember to be thankful for other believer's divine characters; that they are beloved and brought into your life out of God's love for you, for your encouragement and edification.