

# Captivated

desert breeze  
community church



Saturday & Sunday, Sept 1 & 2, 2018 Ryan Reed

## Unity in Relationships Philemon

God demands we love others as we love ourselves, and that we treat people with respect because we are created in the image of God. It is the Bible that, in Philemon 16, encourages masters to treat slaves as “more than a slave, as a beloved brother...both in the flesh and in the Lord.” Paul shows us here that Christ introduced love into the heart of master and slave. As a slave Onesimus sought to be profitable to his master (v. 11); as master Philemon would learn to see Onesimus also “as a man and as a brother in the Christ” (v. 16).

### 1. It takes ACTION

Philemon, Apphia and Archippus were all a part of this home Church that was hosted in Philemon’s house.

They were people of action.

He calls Philemon & Apphia fellow workers.

He calls Archippus a soldier (Evangelist)

Paul view them as souls where the world looked at them as flesh.  
He acknowledges them all even when the culture doesn’t.

### 2. It takes PRAYER

With Galatians being the only exception Paul starts off with giving thanks to God.

Paul models for us a great way to pray.

### 3. It takes TRUTH and LOVE (Ephesians 4:15)

If loving God is the most important thing to our Christian life and the second is to love one another then we will have to be ready to speak truth in love. Mathew 22:37-39

The bible refers to loving other a lot.

John 13:34, 1 John 4:19-21, 1 John 4:17-21 Just to name a few.

### 4. It takes SACRIFICE

Unity in relationship can be tough.

Giving up your own desires to be right or prove a point.

## Personal Notes...

## Growing Notes...

1. What does it look like for you to be a person of action? Is God convicting you to take action?
2. Talk about whether or not your prayer life is balanced. Do you need to take some time to give thanks?
3. Are there any relationships in which you need to speak some truth in love? Conversely, do you need to go back to your brother or sister in Christ and work through some stuff?
4. Where is God asking you to be sacrificial? Is there a relationship that needs some unity? In what ways do you think you can sacrifice for this relationship?