

Title: **Living Out the Gospel Is Not for Lightweights**
 Text: **Philemon 1:1-25**
 Date: **June 7, 2026**

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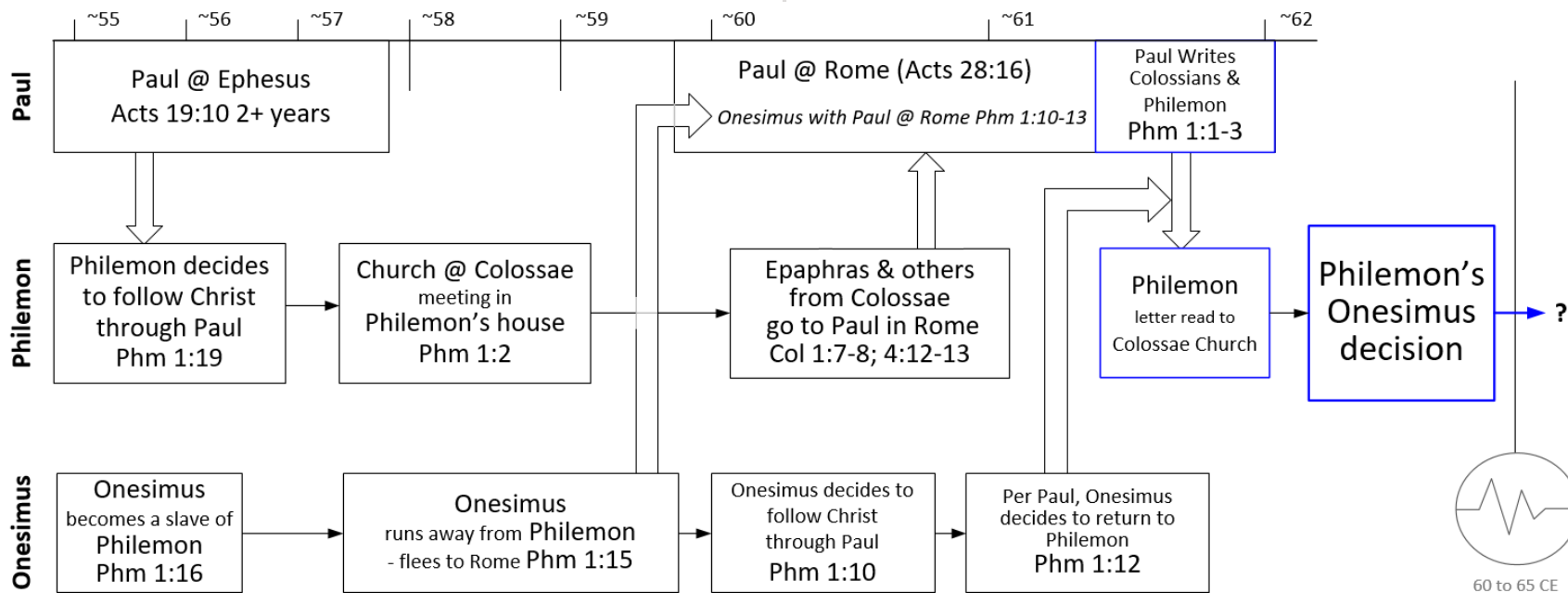
Big Idea

The Christian life is not easy and requires faith [Heb 11:1], and this faith is not a one-and-done faith, but a faith that will continue to ask you to trust God more and to trust Him in new areas as we walk with Jesus. We need to not only trust Him with eternity, but we also need to trust Him with today, if we are going to live into His promises and have our lives be an illustration of His good and perfect plans. In this letter we can see Paul and Onesimus taking steps of faith as they seek and obey God's calling on their lives. And we also see Philemon being asked to continue to step out in faith and to trust God in his response to Paul's letter ...

Sermon Outline

1. Introductions of the persons in the story
 - Paul
 - Philemon
 - Onesimus
 - Colossae
2. Prayer
3. Read Philemon Text
4. The Story
 - Colossian Church
 - Onesimus
 - Philemon
 - Paul

What does the Letter to Philemon mean to us?
5. The rest of the story?
 - Is your gospel, the gospel? or is it too ... ?
6. How to apply the story?
 - Put yourself in the story
7. Closing - Game over and what comes next?



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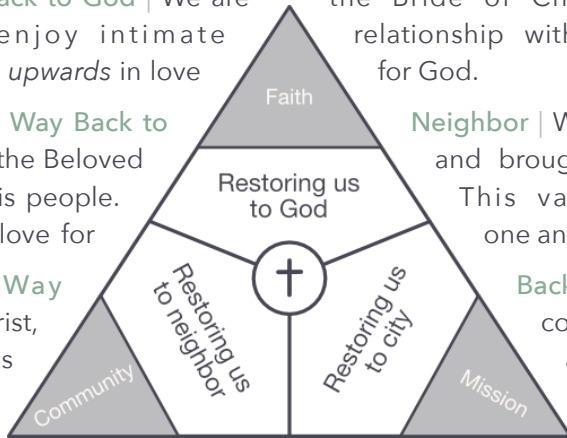
Our Mission & Values

Mercy Hill Church exists to help restore us to God, neighbor, and city through the good news of Jesus Christ.

FAITH: The Way Back to God | We are redeemed to enjoy intimate relationship with God. This value presses our church *upwards* in love for God.

COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. This value presses our church *inwards* in love for Neighbor | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal relationship with his people. This value presses our one another.

MISSION: The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his ambassadors. This value presses our church *outwards* in love for the Back to City | We are commissioned by the unbelieving. This church *outwards* unbelieving.



Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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Welcome to Mercy Hill Church.
We are so glad you've joined us today!

Announcement Spotlight

All Church Campout - Open Registration!

We are excited to announce that we will again be hosting our All Church Campout at Mount Madonna County Park over the weekend of June 26-28! We have a huge group campsite all to ourselves and lots of options in the park for having fun together. Whether you love to camp or you'd rather still sleep in your own bed, we have something for everyone. Because the park is only a 45 minute drive from south San Jose, people can feel free to come and go as it works with their schedule and preference.

- **Option #1: Day-Use:** For those not wanting to camp but still wanting to participate, the Day-Use option is best. You can come in for the day, enjoy activities, meals, etc., and then head home to your warm bed while the rest of us "rough" it :).
- **Option #2: Camp:** This option is for those who want the full camping experience. We have the site for Friday and Saturday nights. You can choose to camp for one or both of these depending upon your availability and desire.

Scan the QR code below for more info and to find a link to sign up!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at info@mercyhillchurch.org.

All Church Hangout - Today!

All Church Prayer - Tonight!

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