



“Acceptance”

Philemon 1:12-16

Message Series: “Relational Intelligence 101”

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¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

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Paul shows us three ways to approach an inflammatory relational situation.

1. Speak at a **heart-level**. (vv. 12-13)
2. Choose **deference** over personal **preference**. (v. 14)
3. **Interpret** the **event** providentially. (v. 15)

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