Lesson 06 Forgiving the Runaway

FTWTF means: Find The Word That Fits

Across
3. But Paul didn't send Onesimus back ____-____. He sent along a letter, a promise, & a personal request. We have the letter today as the Bible book of Philemon. In it we can read the promise & the request.

6. FTWTF - Title
7. Onesimus was in trouble. Not only was he a slave during the Roman Empire; he was a runaway slave. Onesimus was regarded as a piece of ____, & his owner could do with him as he pleased.

9. Paul promised personally to repay anything Onesimus owed Philemon. And he asked Philemon to take Onesimus back "no longer as a ____, but better than a ______, as a dear brother.

11. FTWTF - Power Point
12. It was there that Onesimus was converted to Christianity by the good ____ of the apostle. Therein lay his one hope: Paul knew his master, Philemon.

13. Welcoming Onesimus back without punishing him would truly be an act of ____ love. And free him? It would put Philemon's Christianity on full display & demonstrate to others the love & forgiveness Jesus has shown to all of us.

Down
1. FTWTF - Power Text
2. [Tuesday's lesson] Read Luke 6:27, 28. Imagine the scene that occurred when Onesimus returned to Philemon. Draw a series of small pictures or write a ______ of what you feel the meeting was like.

4. Without ____ or friends, & more than a little scared, Onesimus met Paul, who was in Rome under house arrest.

5. Why on earth would Philemon, who was probably more than a little ____ about the whole Onesimus affair, do such a thing? Why would anyone completely overlook-even reward- such disobedience?

8. [Monday's lesson] Read Philemon 12-25. Discuss with an adult the difference that ____ makes in building positive relationships.

10. Now that Onesimus had confessed his sins & repented, he had become a special friend to Paul, caring for him & also working with him to ____ the good news of God's grace & forgiveness with others.

Power Text
“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar & there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go & be reconciled to them; then come & offer your gift” Matthew 5:23, 24

Power Point: We serve God when we reflect His unselfish love to others

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