

"Put It On My Tab"  
Philemon 1:1-21  
April 17, 2016

The three main characters in the letter:

Character #1: The Apostle Paul

1. the mediator
2. the arbitrator
3. the peacemaker
4. the writer of the letter

Paul is offering to atone for the wrongs of Onesimus.

Character #2: Onesimus

1. A thief and runaway slave
2. Gave his heart to Christ under Paul's leadership
3. He's on his way back home to Philemon whom he violated.
4. He must ask forgiveness regardless of what Philemon says or does.
5. He must once again become a slave to Philemon.

Character #3: Philemon

1. A wealthy man who also became a Christian under Paul's leadership.
2. He allows a church to meet in his home.
3. He's a good and decent man. He's well known for loving others.

Philemon's Challenge:

1. Throw away the scorebook.
2. Forgive Onesimus
3. Receive him back not as a slave but as a brother