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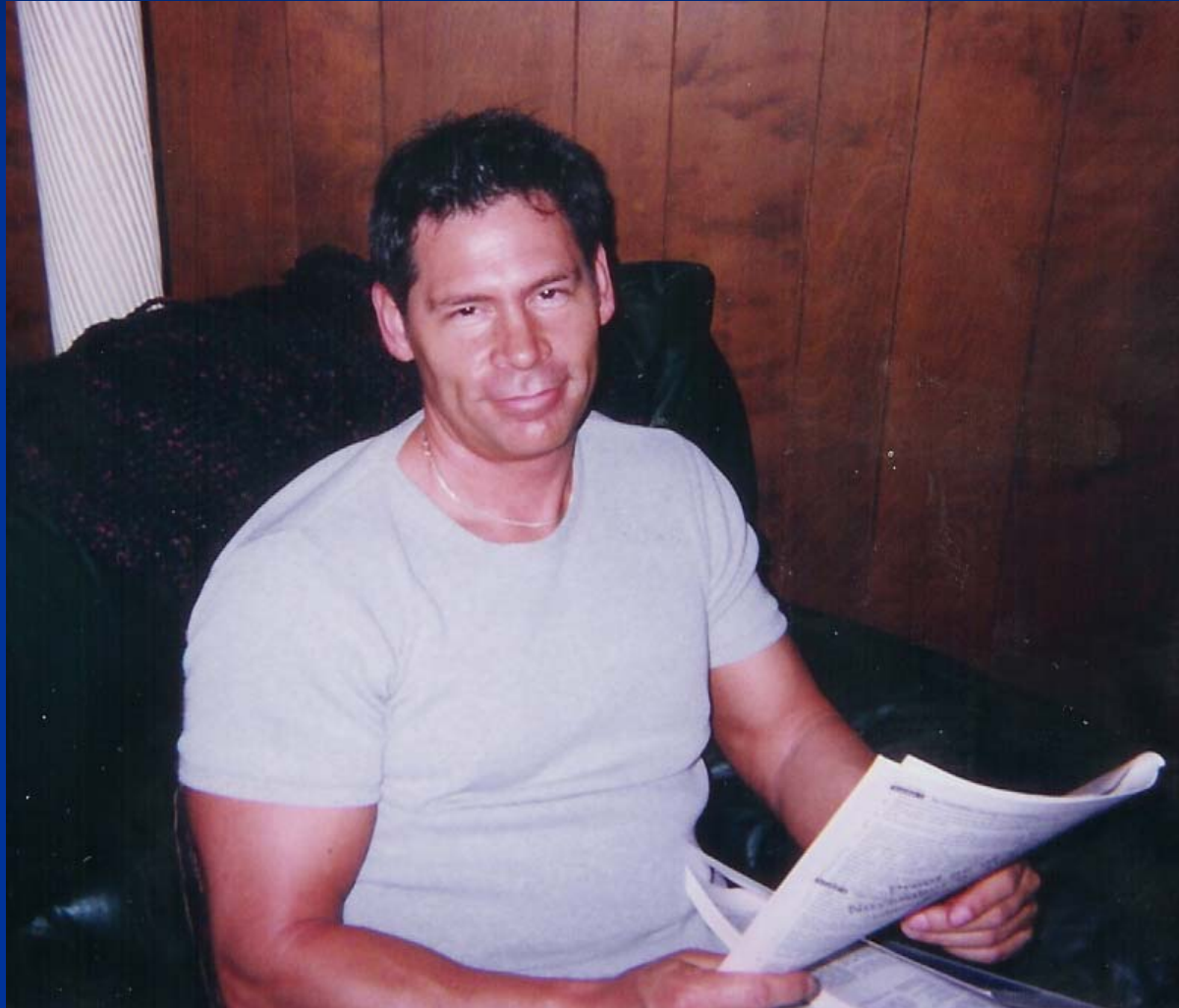
Prison Epistles – Part Five Philemon

Lesson 65

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Happy Birthday Howard!



A Lot Can Happen Over a Lifetime



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Today: Life of Philemon?

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Today: Life of Onesimus!



Prison Epistles





Prison Epistles

- Ephesians



Prison Epistles

- Ephesians

- Philippians



Prison Epistles

- Ephesians

- Philippians

- Colossians

The background image shows a narrow, cobblestone-paved street in an ancient stone building complex, likely a prison in Pompeii. The street is made of large, irregular, dark grey stones. On the right side, there is a high, thick stone wall made of rough-hewn blocks. On the left side, there are more stone buildings, some with arched doorways. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The overall atmosphere is historical and somber.

Prison Epistles

- Ephesians

- Philippians

- Colossians

- Philemon



Prison Epistles

- Colossians

- Philemon



Prison Epistles

Same Area

- Colossians

- Philemon



Prison Epistles

- Colossians

- Philemon

Same Area

Same People



Prison Epistles

- Colossians

- Philemon

Same Area

Same People

Same Carrier

Same Area



Same Area



Same Area





Colossae to
Laodicia 10 miles



Colossians

Philemon

Colossians

Philemon

Both:

Colossians

Philemon

Both:

Greet Archippus

Colossians

Philemon

Both:

Greet Archippus

Carried by
Onesimus

Colossians

Philemon

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“Who is one of
you”

What Kind of Letter is Philemon?

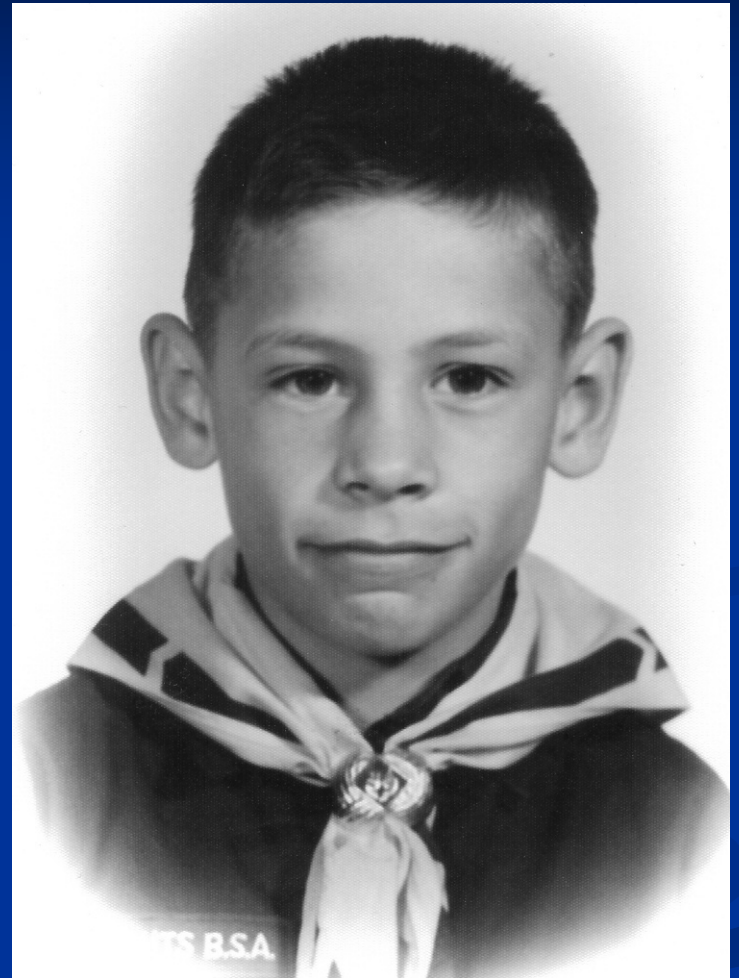
**What Kind of Letter is
Philemon?**

**A Personal and Private
Letter!**

Onesimus
Was NOT a
Boy Scout!

(Howard Was!)

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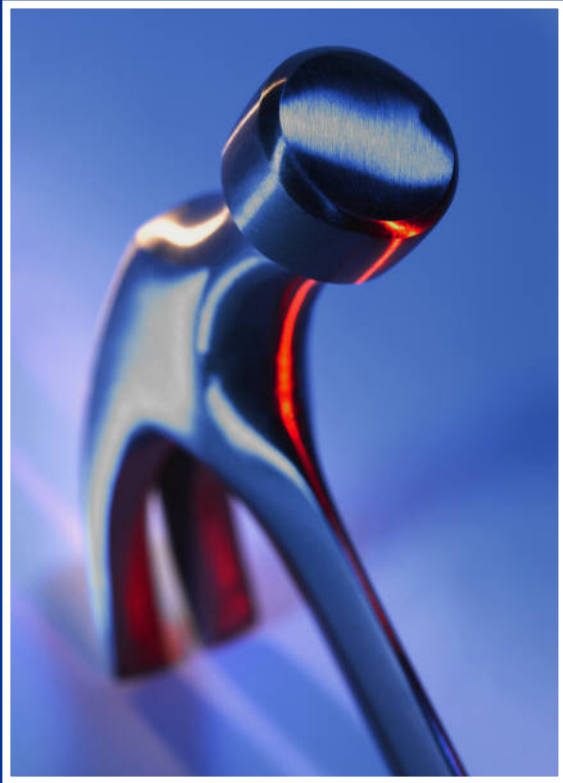


Roman Slavery Rules

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“Living Chattel”

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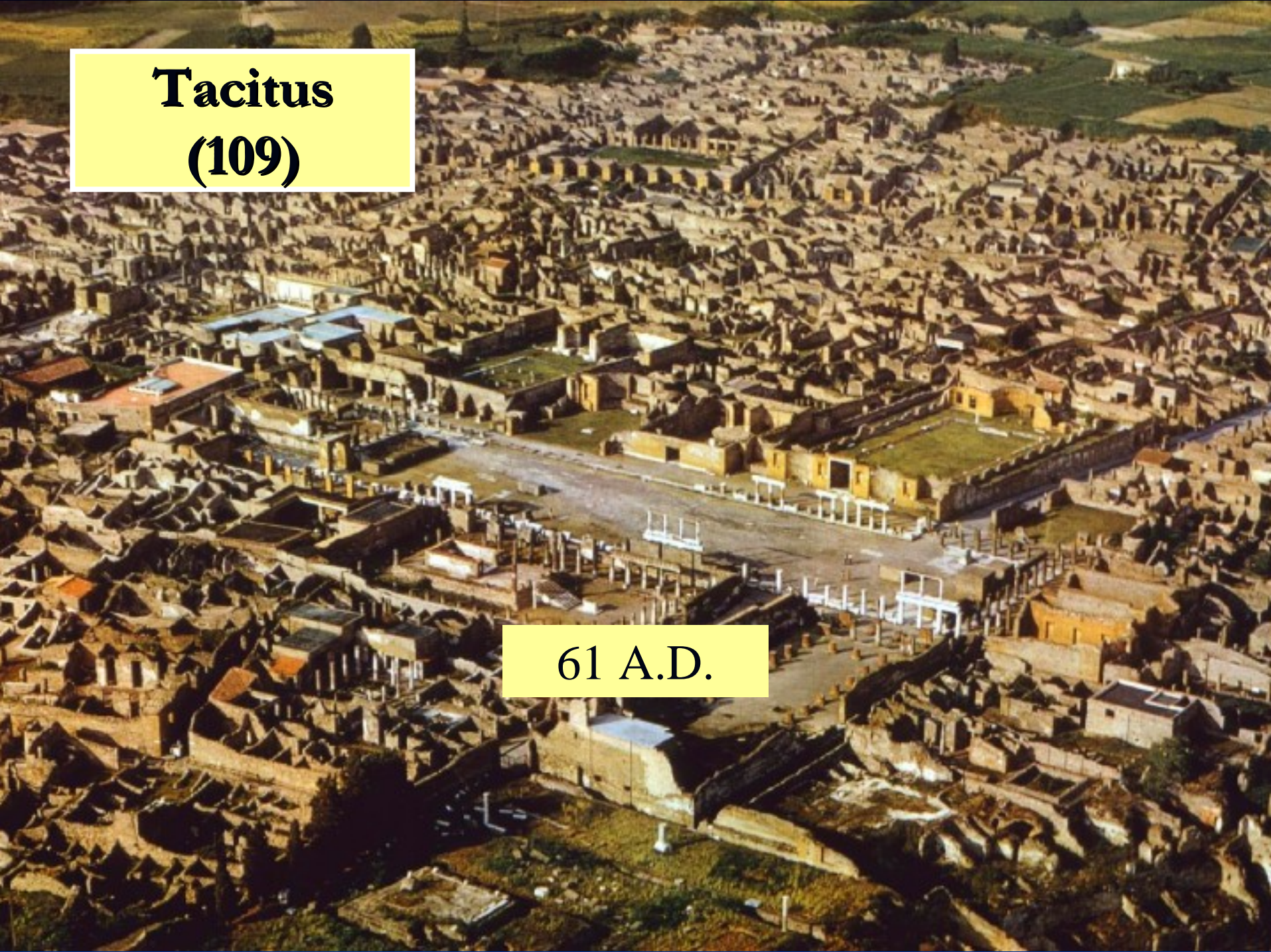
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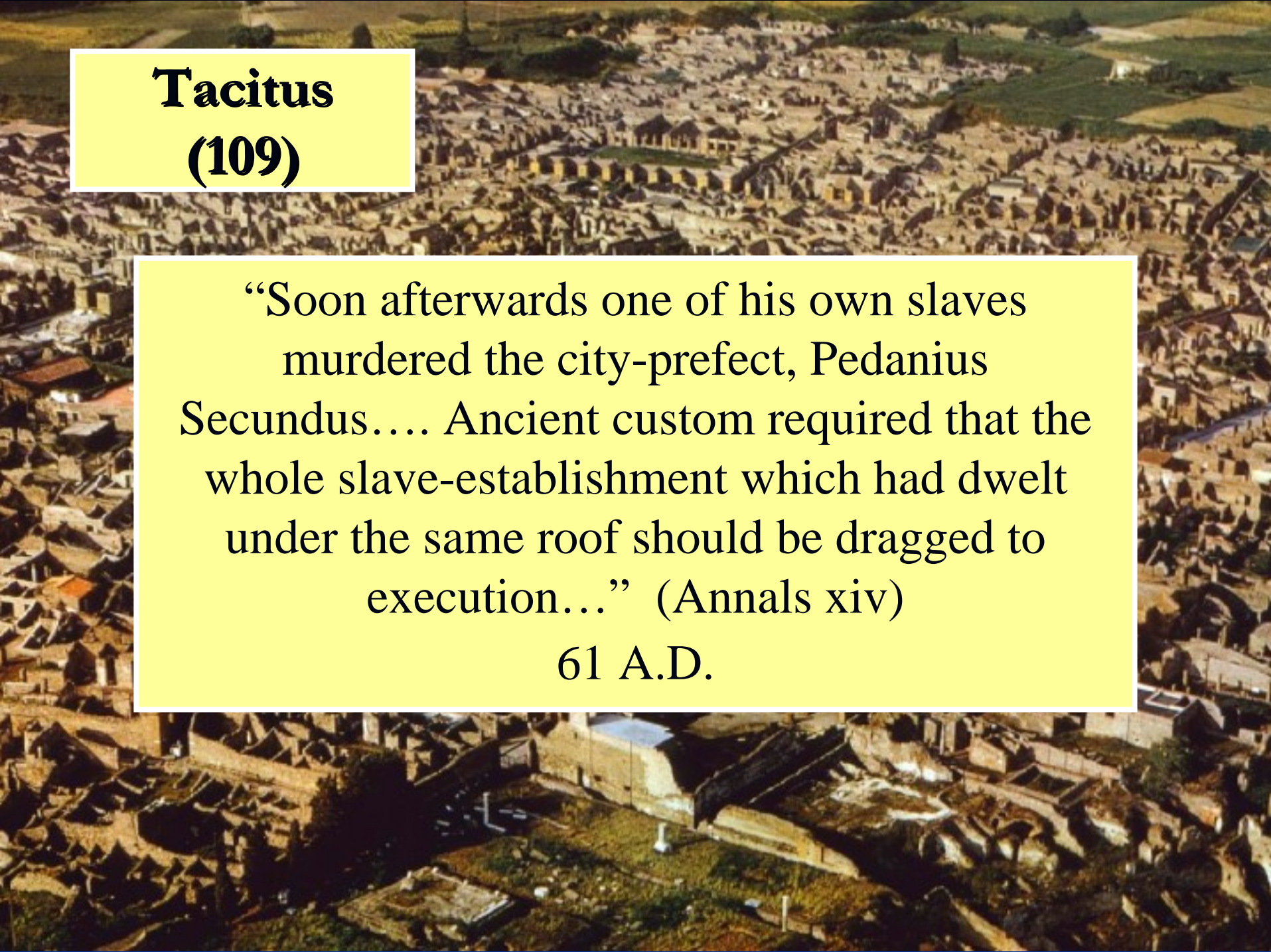


61 A.D.

**Tacitus
(109)**

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An aerial photograph of an archaeological site, likely an ancient Roman city. The image shows a dense grid of stone foundations and walls, with some larger structures and a central open area. The ruins are surrounded by green fields and some modern buildings in the distance.

Tacitus (109)

“Soon afterwards one of his own slaves murdered the city-prefect, Pedanius Secundus.... Ancient custom required that the whole slave-establishment which had dwelt under the same roof should be dragged to execution...” (Annals xiv)

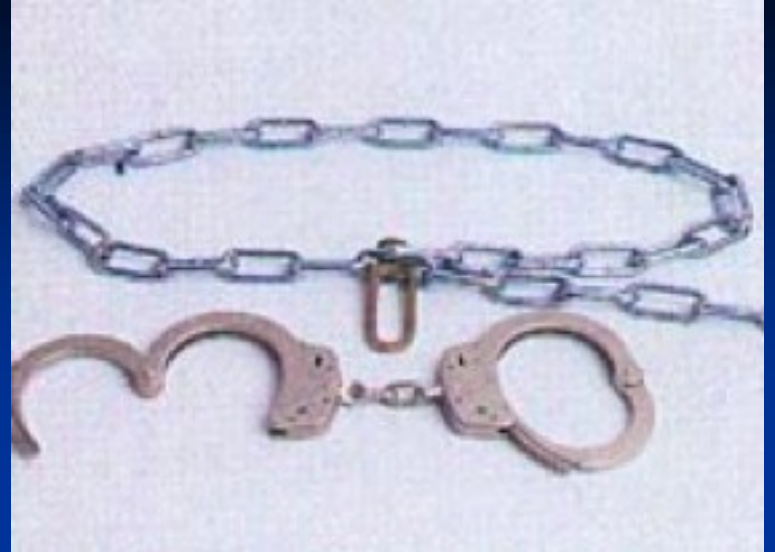
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Paul, a **prisoner** of Christ
Jesus, and Timothy our
brother, To Philemon our
dear friend and **fellow
worker**, to **Apphia** our
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church that **meets in your
home**:

Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ (1-3)

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Philemon's
Wife

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Philemon's
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Philemon's
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because I hear about your faith
in the Lord Jesus and your love
for all the saints.

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“your” faith

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“your” faith

“your” love

“the saints”

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love **for all the saints**. I pray that you may **be active in sharing your faith**, so that you will have a full understanding of **every good thing we have in Christ**.

“your” faith

“your” love

“the saints”

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All You Are and
All You Do for
All the Saints

Therefore, although in Christ
I could be **bold and order** you
to do what you ought to do,
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“Useful, beneficial”

I am sending him -- who is
my very heart -- back to
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I am sending him -- who is my very heart -- back to you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel.

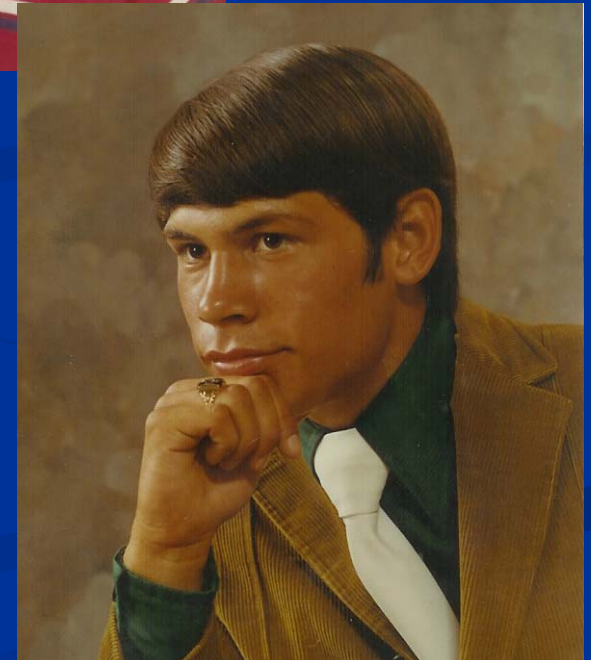
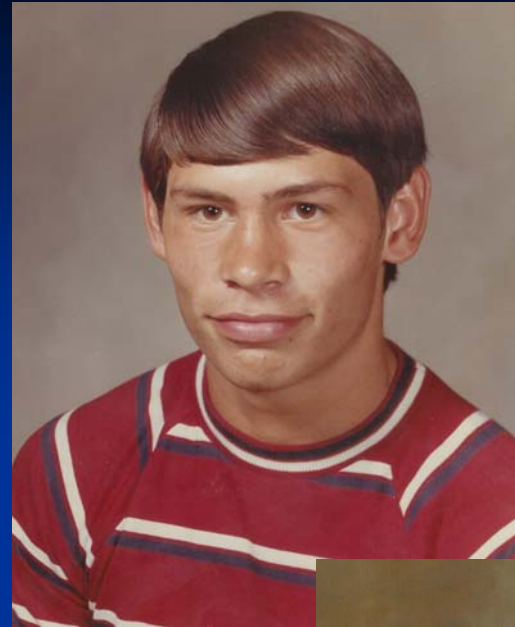


I am sending him -- who is my very heart -- back to you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so any favor you do will be spontaneous and not forced.
(12-14)



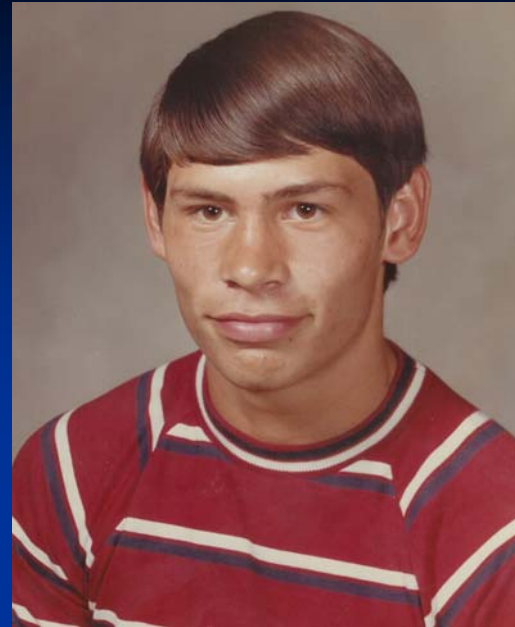
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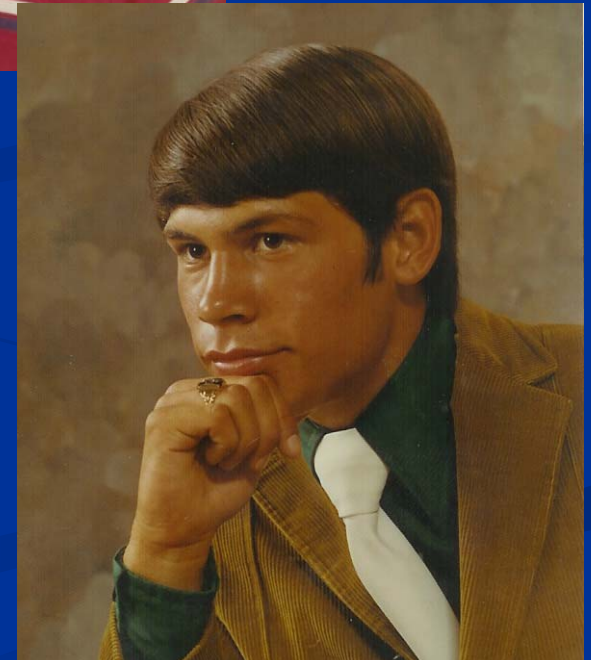
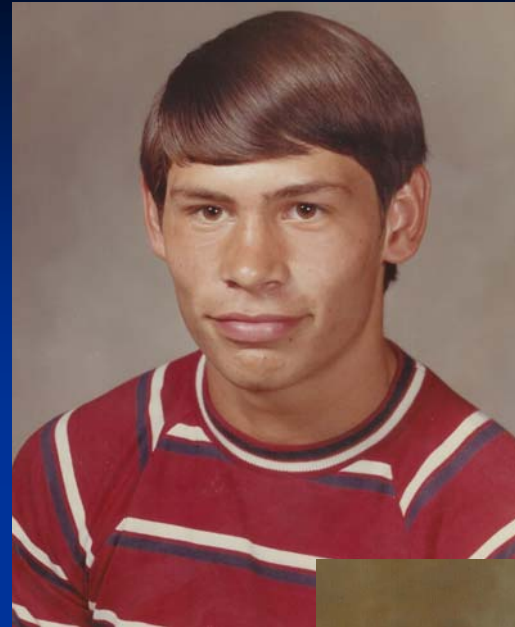


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So if you consider me a
partner . . .

So if you consider me a
partner, welcome him as
you would welcome me.

So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything.

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So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand.



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I do wish, brother, that I
may have some benefit
from you in the Lord;
refresh my heart in Christ.

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“onesimus”

I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask. And one thing more:

“onesimus”

I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask. And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers. (20-22)

“onesimus”

1. What was Paul asking for?

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2. Did he get it?

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3. Why was the letter
preserved?

Points for Home

1. God's Love is New Everyday

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2. We are to Shine His Love

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4. God Moves in Wondrous Ways