



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Connecting with God; Connecting with Others; Connecting others with God*

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## ***DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM PASTOR SELL***

### **Tuesday, February 15**

Take 10 minutes today to read the twenty-five verse Book of Philemon. Onesimus has somehow wronged his master Philemon and Paul asked Philemon to forgive him and receive his slave as “no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother.” Those are powerful words: “a beloved brother.” What an act of forgiveness. Although we do not know what happened between the two men, Paul’s words must have had a powerful impact.

Dealing with people who have wronged us is difficult at best. It is easy to want revenge, but God says vengeance is his. It is easy to walk away and call the person toxic. Doing what Paul asks of Philemon is hard, really hard. Jesus asks us to forgive as we have been forgiven. That idea calls for deep reflection.