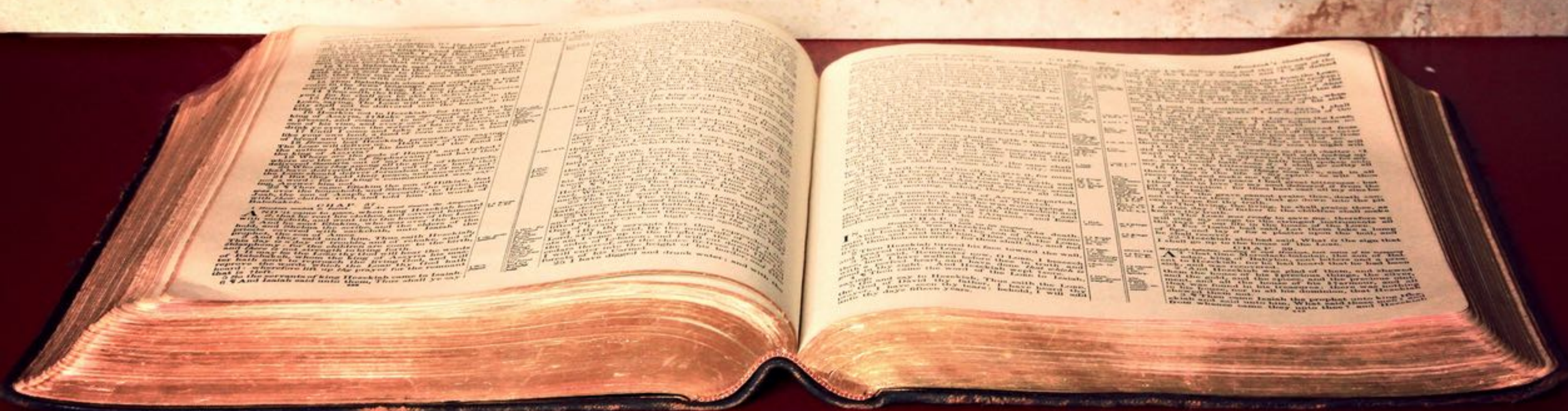


# Walking in the WORD





**Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—**

**Philemon 8-9**



**I appeal to you for my child,  
Onesimus, whose father I became  
in my imprisonment. (Formerly he  
was useless to you, but now he is  
indeed useful to you and to me.) I  
am sending him back to you,  
sending my very heart.**

**Philemon 10-12**



**I 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,**

**Philemon 13**



**but I preferred to do nothing  
without your consent in order  
that your goodness might not be  
by compulsion but of your own  
accord.**

**Philemon 14**



**For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever,**

**Philemon 15**



**no 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.**

**Philemon 16**



**So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.**

**Philemon 17-18**



**I, Paul, write this with my own  
hand: I will repay it—to say  
nothing of your owing me even  
your own self.**

**Philemon 19**



**Yes, brother, I want 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 say.**

**Philemon 20-21**



**For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**Galatians 3:27-28**



**And if you are Christ's, then you  
are Abraham's offspring, heirs  
according to promise.**

**Galatians 3:29**