**Unstuck Shane Gage** [ *Small Books, Big Messages – Philemon* |March 7, 2021 ]

***Have you ever felt stuck?***

***Real hope when we are stuck in a hard place . . .***

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **- Romans 15:13**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead … **- 1 Peter 1:3**

The Book of Philemon –

***A story of being stuck, of finding a safe place, and of God using the encouragement and wise counsel of others to direct our path forward … even when it’s hard.***

**Paul is saying:**“This former slave of yours is now a brother in Christ, and he has come to mean so much to me. I’m sending him back to you, but I’m asking you to take him in, not as a slave who ran away, but as a brother in Christ. And whatever may be owed on his account, charge it to me.”

If you need support, resources, or help getting unstuck, we hope you will reach out today.

**3 WAYS WE GET STUCK:**

**1) Unresolved Relationship Issues**

 - Demands & Requests

 - Vulnerability / Prayer / Counting the Cost

 - Seek Encouragement & Wise Counsel

**2) Unconfessed Sin / Unrepentance** (2 Corinthians 7:10, 1 John 1:7-9)

**3) Un-forgiveness**

 *“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.”* - C.S. Lewis