

# UFILIMONI

**1** UPhawuli, isibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu, loThimothi umzalwane wethu,

KuFilimoni umngane wethu othandekayo loyisisebenzi kanye lathi, <sup>2</sup> ku-Afiya udadewethu, ku-Akhiphu olibutho kanye lathi, lasebandleni elihlanganela ekhaya lakho:

<sup>3</sup> Umusa kawube kuwe kanye lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba laseNkosini uJesu Khristu.

## *Ukubonga lokukhuleka*

<sup>4</sup> Ngihlezi ngimbonga kokuphela uNkulunkulu wami lapho ngikukhumbula emikhulekweni yami, <sup>5</sup> ngoba ngiyezwa mayelana lothando lwakho lokukholwa eNkosini uJesu kanye lothando lwakho kubo bonke abangcwele. <sup>6</sup> Ngiyakhuleka ukuba ukhuthale ekwabeni ukukholwa kwakho ukuze ube lokuqedisisa okupheleleyo ngezinto zonke ezinhle esilazo kuKhristu. <sup>7</sup> Uthando lwakho lungiphe ukuthokoza okukhulu lokududuzeka, ngoba wena, mzalwane, uvuselele izinhliziyi zabangcwele.

## *Isikhalazo sikaPhawuli ngo-Onesimu*

<sup>8</sup> Ngakho, lanxa kuKhristu ngingaba lesibindi ngikulaye ukuba wenze lokho okumele ukwenze, <sup>9</sup> kodwa ngiyakuncenga ngenxa yothando. Ngakho-ke mina, enginguPhawuli – umuntu omdala khatesi oyisibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu futhi – <sup>10</sup> ngiyakuncenga ngenxa yendodana yami u-Onesimu owaba yindodana yami ngibotshiwe. <sup>11</sup> Kuqala wayengelasizo kuwe, kodwa khatesi uselusizo kuwe lakimi.

<sup>12</sup> Ngiyamthuma – yena oyinhliziyi yami uqobo – emuva kuwe. <sup>13</sup> Kade ngingathanda ukumgcina elami ukuze athathe indawo yakho yokungisiza ngisabotshelwe ivangeli. <sup>14</sup> Kodwa angithandanga ukwenza lutho kungelamvumo yakho, ukuze kuthi loba ngumusa owenzayo ube ngowokuzithandela hatshi ukubanjwa ngamandla. <sup>15</sup> Mhlwawumbe isizatho sokwehlukaniswa lawe okwesikhathshana sasiyikuthi ube laye futhi kokuphela – <sup>16</sup> engaseyiso sigqili, kodwa esengcono kulesigqili, njengomzalwane othandekayo. Uyathandeka kimi, kodwa uthandeka kakhulu kuwe, njengomuntu lanjengomzalwane eNkosini.

<sup>17</sup> Ngakho uma ungithatha njengohlanganyela lawe, mamukele ngendlela obuzangamukela ngayo.

<sup>18</sup> Uma kulokubi akwenze kuwe kumbe elesikwelede kuwe, kubalele kimi.

<sup>19</sup> Mina Phawuli, ngiloba lokhu ngesandla sami. Ngizahlawula – ngingabali ukuthi lawe ulomlandu kimi onguwe uqobo lwakho. <sup>20</sup> Ngiyafisa, mzalwane, ukuba ngithole usizo oluthile kuwe eNkosini; uvuselele inhliziyi yami kuKhristu. <sup>21</sup> Ngileqiniso ngokulalela kwakho, ngikulobela ngisazi ukuthi uzakwenza okudlula engikucelayo.

<sup>22</sup> Okunye njalo yilokhu: Ngilungisela indlu yezihambi, ngoba ngithemba ukuba ngizabuyiselwa kuwe ngenxa yemikhuleko yakho.

<sup>23</sup> U-Ephafrasi, oyisibotshwa kanye lami ngenxa kaKhristu uJesu, uyakubingelela. <sup>24</sup> Uyakubingelela loMakho, lo-Aristakhu, loDemasi kanye loLukha abayizisebenzi kanye lami.

<sup>25</sup> Umusa weNkosi uJesu Khristu kawube lomoya wakho.