

Filemoni

¹ Paulo, mfungwa wa Kristo Yesu, na ndugu Timotheo kwa Filemoni, mpendwa rafiki yetu na mtenda kazi pamoja nasi,

² na kwa Afia dada yetu, na kwa Arkipas askari mwenzetu, na kwa kanisa lile linalokutana nyumbani kwako.

³ Neema iwe kwenu na amani itokayo kwa Mungu Baba yetu na kwa Bwana Yesu Kristo.

⁴ Wakati wote namshukuru Mungu. Ninakutaja katika maombi yangu.

⁵ Nimesikia upendo na imani uliyonayo katika Bwana Yesu na kwa ajili ya waumini wote.

⁶ Ninaomba kwamba ushirika wa imani yenu iwe na ufanisi katika ujuzi wa kila jambo jema lililoko kati yetu katika Kristo.

⁷ Kwa kuwa nimekuwa na furaha na faraja kwa sababu ya upendo wako, kwa sababu miyo ya waumini imekuwa ikitulizwa nawe, ndugu.

⁸ Kwa hiyo, ingawa nina ujasiri wote katika Kristo kukuamuru wewe kufanya kile unachowea kufanya,

⁹ lakini kwa sababu ya upendo, badala yake nakusih - mimi, Paulo niliye mzee, na sasa ni mfungwa kwa ajili ya Kristo Yesu.

¹⁰ Ninakusih kuhusu mwanangu Onesmo, niliyemzaa katika vifungo vyangu.

¹¹ Kwa kuwa mwanzoni hakukufaa, lakini sasa anakufaa wewe na mimi.

¹² Nimemtuma- yeye ambaye ni wa moyo wangu hasa - kurudi kwako.

¹³ Nataraji angeendelea kubaki pamoja nami, ili anitumikie badala yako, wakati niwako kifungoni kwa ajili ya injili.

¹⁴ Lakini sikutaka kufanya jambo lolote bila ruhusa yako. Nilifanya hivi ili kwamba jambo lolote zuri lisifanyike kwa sababu nilikulazimisha, bali kwa sababu ulipenda mwenyewe kulitenda.

¹⁵ Labda ni sababu alitengwa nawe kwa muda, ilikuwa hivyo ili uwe pamoja naye milele.

¹⁶ Ili kwamba asiwe tena mtumwa, bali bora zaidi ya mtumwa, kama ndugu mpendwa, hasa kwangu, na zaidi sana kwako, katika mwili na katika Bwana.

¹⁷ Na hivyo kama wanichukulia mimi mshirika, mpokee kama ambavyo ungenipokea mimi.

¹⁸ Lakini kama amekukosea jambo lolote, au unamundai kitu chochote, kidai hicho kutoka kwangu.

¹⁹ Mimi Paulo, ninaandika kwa mkono wangu mwenyewe: mimi nitakulipa. Sisemi kwako kwamba nakudai maisha yako hasa.

²⁰ Naam ndugu, acha nipate furaha ya Bwana toka kwako: uburudishe moyo wangu katika Kristo.

²¹ Nikiwa na imani kuhusu utii wako, nakuandikia nikijua kwamba utafanya hata zaidi ya vile ninavyokuomba.

²² Wakati huo huo andaa chumba cha wageni kwa ajili yangu, kwa kuwa ninatumaini kupitia

maombi yako nitakutembelea hivi karibuni.

²³ Epafra, mfungwa mwenzangu katika Kristo Yesu anakusalimu,

²⁴ na kama afanyavyo Marko, Aristarko, Dema, Luka, watendakazi pamoja nami.

²⁵ Neema ya Bwana Yesu Kristo iwe pamoja na roho yako. Amina.

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