

The Book of Philemon Slavery and The Bible



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⁶ That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.



¹⁶ Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?




18 If he hath
wronged thee, or
oweth thee ought,
put that on mine
account;



The Bible does not directly condemn slavery
as practiced in Biblical times.

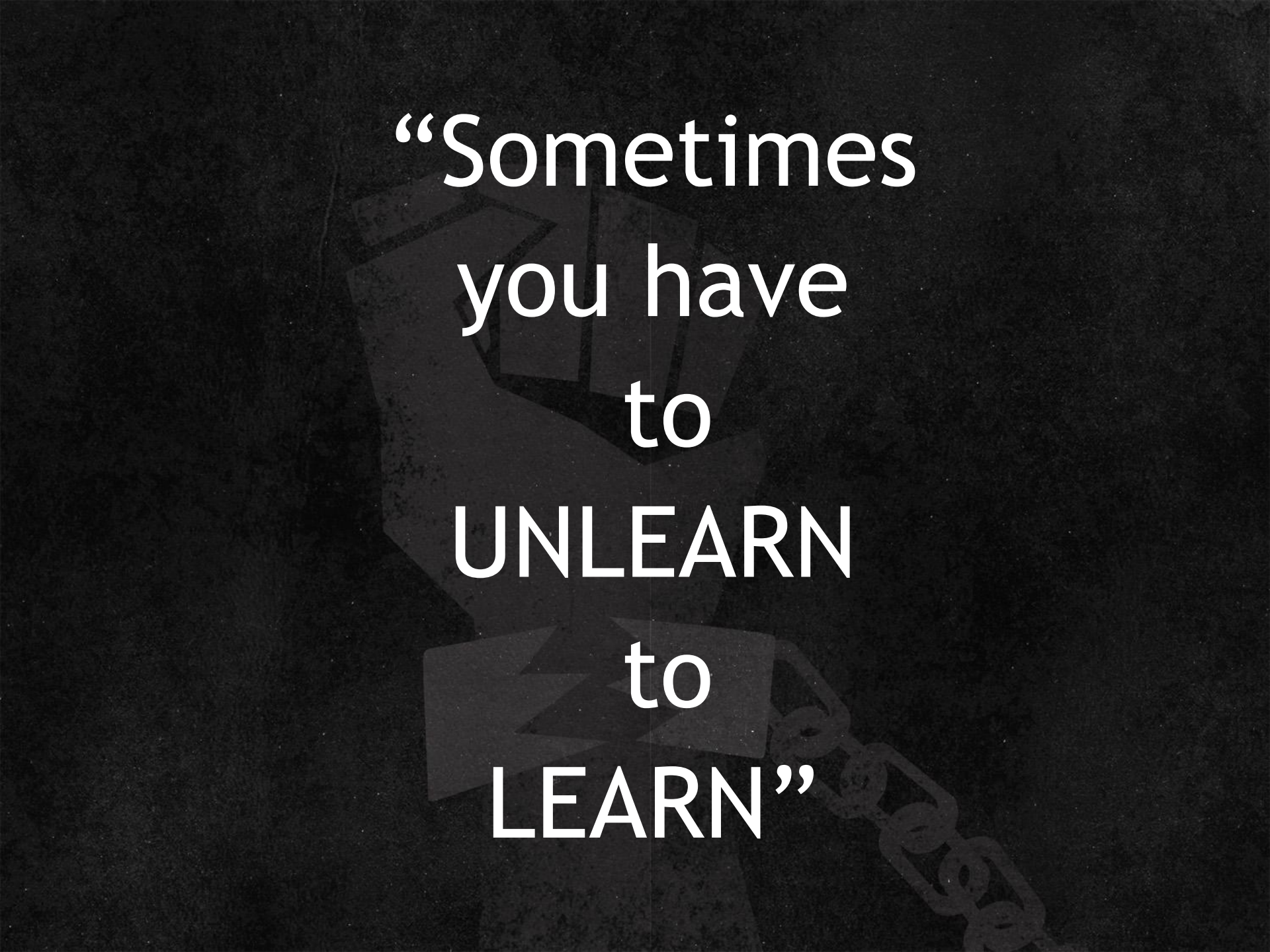
It does; however, condemn slavery as
practiced in American



The Bible is a radically
pro-slavery document. Slave
owners waved Bibles over
their heads in the Civil War
and justified it.

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A dark, textured background featuring a faint, stylized illustration of a hand holding a chain. The hand is positioned in the upper left, and the chain extends towards the bottom right. The text is centered and reads:

“Sometimes
you have
to
UNLEARN
to
LEARN”

Exodus 21:16

¹⁶ And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

1 Timothy 1:8-10

⁸ But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

⁹ Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

¹⁰ For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

¹² And if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

¹³ And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty:

14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress: of that wherewith the LORD thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to day.



Colossians 4:1

4 Masters, give unto your servants
that which is just and equal; knowing
that ye also have a Master in heaven.

Exodus 21:20-21

²⁰ And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished.

²¹ Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he is his money.

Colossians 3:22

²² Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God;