

Acts 15:30-41

Dealing With Disagreements God's Way

Further His Kingdom by Respecting Differences of Opinion among Believers and Refusing to Tear Down/Hold Grudges Against Those We Disagree With

Definite Good News 15:30-35

The Confirmation of the Gospel/Grace in Jerusalem was Celebrated in Antioch

- The letter from the Jerusalem Council announcing the affirmation of the Apostles/Elders of JBF, led to rejoicing in the Church of Antioch
- In addition, Judas and Silas encouraged/strengthened the believers there
- Paul/Barnabas also taught the Word to the church, along with others

Disguised Good News 15:36-41

Paul and Barnabas Go on Separate Missionary Journeys after Disagreeing about Mark's Suitability for Mission Work at That Time

- Paul suggested to Barnabas that they return to the cities of the 1MJ and follow up with the churches and the people they had evangelized
- But they disagreed on a personnel issue: Barnabas wanted Mark to come but Paul did not think he was ready. So, they separated (for this specific trip) with Barnabas and Mark sailing to Cyprus to work there, while Paul and Silas left for the Galatian churches to strengthen the believers there.

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- 1: P/B talked to one another directly about the issue at hand
- 2: P/B agreed to disagree about the specific issue and then acted accordingly
- 3: P/B continued to serve the Lord and His Church consistent with their convictions but without harboring personal bitterness/grudges or cliques