

ACTS 15:36-41

Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” <sup>37</sup> Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, <sup>38</sup> but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. <sup>39</sup> They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, <sup>40</sup> but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. <sup>41</sup> He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

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| What break-up between famous personalities (musicians, athletes, actors, etc.) is  
| memorable to you? What caused the conflict?

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| What did Paul and Barnabas have a disagreement about prior to the second  
| missionary journey (Acts 15:37-38, Acts 13:13)? Can you list some arguments that  
| support both sides of the issue?

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| What was their solution to the disagreement? What did each of them do?

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| How was the conflict used for the good of the Kingdom? How does this teach us  
| that God can still use the church even when there are disagreements?

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| When we face such disagreements with other believers, how can we handle them  
+ in a way that honors Christ? What are some common mistakes to avoid?

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| What does Colossians 3:13-15 tell us about relating to one another – even those  
| we disagree with?

DAILY READINGS

- 1. PSALM 133:1-3
- 2. ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12
- 3. 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11
- 4. PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11
- 5. COLOSSIANS 3:12-14
- 6. 1 JOHN 4:7-12
- 7. ACTS 15:36-41