

Learning to Work Through Dissension with Other Believers (Acts 15)

Acts 15:32-41 ³² Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words. ³³ And after they had stayed *there* for a time, they were sent back with greetings from the brethren to the apostles¹. ³⁴ However, it seemed good to Silas to remain there¹. ³⁵ Paul and Barnabas also remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

³⁶ Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see* how they are doing." ³⁷ Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. ³⁸ But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. ³⁹ Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; ⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God. ⁴¹ And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Judas and also Silas also themselves prophets being through a word (sing) many (pl) encouraged the brethren and strengthened	1. Two Leaders _____ Up Antioch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their Names • Their Ability • Their Action • Their Focus • Their Effect
And having done a time they were released with peace from the brethren to the ones having sent them. [However, it seemed good to Silas to remain there.]	2. These Leaders Are _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Time • Release From • Release To <i>[v.34 not in GNT or BYZ]</i>
But Paul and Barnabas <u>were continuing</u> in Antioch teaching and evangelizing with also others many the word of the Lord.	3. Two Other Leaders _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their Names • Their Activities
And after some days said to Barnabas, Paul, Having returned, therefore, might we look after the brethren throughout a city every in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, how they are.	4. Paul Suggests a _____ Trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Barnabas • To Check on the Christians

But Barnabas was <u>desiring</u> to take along also the John the one being called Mark; But Paul <u>was considering worthy</u> , the having departed from them from Pamphilia and not having come with them unto the work, not to take along with this [one].	5. Barnabas and Paul _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnabas' Determination • Paul's Evaluation
<p>^{ESV} But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.</p> <p>^{KJV} But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.</p> <p>^{YLT} and Paul was not thinking it good to take him with them who withdrew from them from Pamphylia, and did not go with them to the work;</p> <p>^{NIV} 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.</p>	
And came to pass a provocation so as to separate them from one another,	6. Barnabas and Paul _____
<p>Noun (paroxusmos):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Here • Heb 10:24 (provoke) – “unto a provocation of love and of good works” <p>Verb (paroxunomai)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 17:16 – spirit was stirred • 1 Cor 13:5 – is not easily provoked 	
and the Barnabas having taken the Mark to sail away unto Cyprus;	7. The _____ of Barnabas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He took along Mark • He sailed to Cyprus
And Paul having chosen Silas departed having been handed over to the grace of the Lord by the brethren.	8. The _____ of Paul <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His replacement • His departure • His commitment by the brethren
And <u>they were passing through</u> the Syria and Cilicia strengthening (-) the churches. (cp. v.32)	9. The _____ of Paul and Silas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where they went • What they accomplished