

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

Acts 15:32-41 <sup>32</sup> Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words. <sup>33</sup> And after they had stayed *there* for a time, they were sent back with greetings from the brethren to the apostles<sup>1</sup>. <sup>34</sup> However, it seemed good to Silas to remain there<sup>1</sup>. <sup>35</sup> Paul and Barnabas also remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

<sup>36</sup> 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." <sup>37</sup> Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; <sup>40</sup> but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God. <sup>41</sup> 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	<b>1. Two Leaders _____ Up Antioch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Their Names</li> <li>• Their Ability</li> <li>• Their Action</li> <li>• Their Focus</li> <li>• Their Effect</li> </ul>
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.]	<b>2. These Leaders Are _____</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Time</li> <li>• Release From</li> <li>• Release To <i>[v.34 not in GNT or BYZ]</i></li> </ul>
But Paul and Barnabas <u>were continuing</u> in Antioch teaching and evangelizing with also others many the word of the Lord.	<b>3. Two Other Leaders _____</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Their Names</li> <li>• Their Activities</li> </ul>
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.	<b>4. Paul Suggests a _____ Trip</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To Barnabas</li> <li>• To Check on the Christians</li> </ul>

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].	<b>5. Barnabas and Paul _____</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barnabas' Determination</li> <li>• Paul's Evaluation</li> </ul>
<p><sup>ESV</sup> 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><sup>KJV</sup> 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><sup>YLT</sup> 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><sup>NIV</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.</p>	
And came to pass a <b>provocation</b> so as to separate them from one another,	<b>6. Barnabas and Paul _____</b>
<p>Noun (paroxusmos):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Here</li> <li>• Heb 10:24 (provoke) – “unto a provocation of love and of good works”</li> </ul> <p>Verb (paroxunomai)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acts 17:16 – spirit was stirred</li> <li>• 1 Cor 13:5 – is not easily provoked</li> </ul>	
and the Barnabas having taken the Mark to sail away unto Cyprus;	<b>7. The _____ of Barnabas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He took along Mark</li> <li>• He sailed to Cyprus</li> </ul>
And Paul having chosen Silas departed having been handed over to the grace of the Lord by the brethren.	<b>8. The _____ of Paul</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• His replacement</li> <li>• His departure</li> <li>• His commitment by the brethren</li> </ul>
And <u>they were passing through</u> the Syria and Cilicia strengthening (-) the churches. (cp. v.32)	<b>9. The _____ of Paul and Silas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where they went</li> <li>• What they accomplished</li> </ul>