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A SERIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Dealing with Messes - Acts 15:1-34

Messes in Community

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Act 13:2-3 NIV

Messes in Community

“they returned by ship to Antioch of Syria, where their journey had begun. The believers there had entrusted them to the grace of God to do the work they had now completed.” Act 14:26 NLT

Messes in Community

“Upon arriving in Antioch, they called the church together and reported everything God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles, too.”

Act 14:27 NLT

Messes in Community

“Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.” Acts 15:1 NIV

Messes in Community

“This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them.” Acts 15:2 NIV



Ask for Help

“Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question.” Acts 15:3 NIV

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“The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses.” Acts 15:5 NIV

Elders Act to Resolve

"The apostles and elders met to consider this question."

Acts 15:6 NIV

First Speech

“Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. 8 God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. Acts 15:7-8 NIV

First Speech

“But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong.”

Galatians 2:11 NLT

Second Speech

“The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them”

Acts 15:12 NIV

Third Speech

“Brothers, ... listen to me. Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles.” Acts 15:13-14 NIV

Third Speech

“It is my judgment, therefore...” Acts 15:19 NIV

Third Speech

“It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us ...”

Acts 15:28 NIV

Lessons about Messes

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“So the men were sent off and went down to Antioch, where they gathered the church together and delivered the letter. The people read it and were glad for its encouraging message.”

Acts 15:30-31 NIV



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Communion

Remembering His sacrifice.

