

SENT: A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS
Acts 15:1-21
New Life Fellowship – Pastor Joe Green
Sunday, May 19, 2024

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Acts 15:12 (NIV2011) *"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."*

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Acts 15:20 (NIV2011) *"[James continued further]... 'Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood.'"*

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