

## **WHEN CHRISTIANS DISAGREE**

### **Acts 15:30-41**

#### **1. Resign that disagreements on the earth are inevitable**

*Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. 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. (37-38)*

#### **2. Recognize that disagreements may lead to separation**

*Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. (39)*

#### **3. Resist the push to pick a side**

*And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; but Paul chose Silas and departed... (39-40)*

#### **4. Refuse to let the disagreement between good people destroy your faith**

*...being commended by the brethren to the grace of God. (40)*

#### **5. Rest in God's providence to overrule some disagreements for good**

*And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. (41)*

#### **6. Remember that disagreements shouldn't destroy love**

*Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), Colossians 4:10*

*Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry. 2 Timothy 4:11*