

The Acts of the Apostles

The Growth and Expansion of the Church to the Ends of the Earth

Parenthesis:

The Safety Net of the Christian Marriage: Problem Resolution

- IV. The Growth and Expansion of the Church to the Ends of the Earth (13:1-28:31)
 - A. Paul and Barnabas' First Missionary Journey (13:1-14:28)
 - B. The Jerusalem Council: Gentile Salvation (15:1-35)
 - 1. The Controversy (15:1-5)
 - 2. The Council Meets and Delineates (15:6-21)
 - 3. The Council Decides and Responds (15:22-29)
 - 4. The Conclusion (15:30-35)

- Direct Vs Indirect Applications of Scriptural Passages
- The Challenges Related to Problem Solving in Relationships
- A Proposed Method to Problem Solving

- I. The Conflict (15:1-5)
- II. Stage 1: Information (15:6-7a)
 - Includes Both Parties
 - Includes an Authoritative Rule
 - Includes Full Communication
- III. Stage 2: Brainstorming and Evaluation (15:6-18)
 - Allows for Experience and Includes Scripture
 - Avoids Hidden Agendas
 - Avoids Disrespectful Interruptions
- IV. Stage 3: Isolation (15:19-21)
 - Includes a Final Decider
 - Includes Specific Solution to Specific Problem
 - Includes a Clear Objective
 - Includes Both Parties' Concerns
 - Includes a Clear Communication and Understanding
- V. Stage 4: Implementation and Verification (15:22-35)
 - Response Executed Immediately
 - Enlists the Necessary Assistance
 - Maintains the Spirit of the Solution
 - Verified through Implementation
 - Implemented Completely