

## **BOLD - Stories From Acts - SACRIFICE**

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Have you ever found yourself in a situation or a relationship where you didn't know where you stood with another person or other people? What was the situation, & how did it make you feel?

In Acts 11:19-21 believers from Cyprus & Cyrene preached the gospel to the Hellenists (Gentiles) in Antioch. Now, read Acts 15:1-2. What was told to the Gentiles by the believers from Judea? Imagine being a new Christian, under the impression that you had been saved. However, someone comes along & tells you that you were not saved, until you completed a few more tasks. How would that make you feel?

The topic of the law & circumcision was a large debate within the early church. So much so that Paul, Barnabas & company were sent to Jerusalem to discuss it with the elders. Read Acts 15:6-10 for their response.

Has anyone ever placed expectations on you that you felt they could not meet themselves? What are some of the expectations you've had of yourself or others that were unrealistic?

In order for us to lay down our preferences & live out the gospel, we must know the gospel. Take some time as a group reading the following passages & answer the questions together. Let everyone take turns reading.

**Romans 3:23 & Isaiah 53:6.** What observations can you make about mankind?

**Romans 6:23 & 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9.** What is the result of our sin?

**Romans 5:8 & 1 Peter 3:18.** What did Jesus do for us?

**Ephesians 2:8-9 & Titus 3:5.** What observations can you make about salvation? Are we saved by our works?

**John 1:12 & Revelation 3:20.** Salvation is a gift that God offers us. What must we do to obtain it?