

## Transformation Card

*This page provides an overview of the message and resources for individual and group study.*

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### **Sermon Audio**

Full Msg. Title: **The Church Strengthened & Expanded**

Short Ver. Title: **Kingdom Progress**

Series Title\*: Acts

Text: Acts 15:36-41

Key Words: Paul, Barnabas, John Mark, Silas, disagreement, committed, strengthening

### ***Message Outline***

#### **Paul's Second Missionary Journey, Part 1**

#### **Kingdom Progress: The Church Strengthened & Expanded**

- I. The Occasion for Kingdom Progress
  - A. The Big Picture: **Witness** to the World
  - B. The Immediate Context: Jerusalem **Council**
  - C. The Event at Hand: Sharp **Disagreement**
- II. Understanding Paul and Barnabas' Disagreement
  - A. **Possible** Explanatory Dynamics
  - B. **Probable** Explanatory Dynamics
  - C. **Actual** Expressed Facts
- III. Christian Disagreement in the **Hands** of God
  - A. What God **Did** through Barnabas & John Mark
  - B. What God **Did** through Paul & Silas
  - C. What God **Can Do** through You & Me

### ***God's Word for Devotions***

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| 1. Acts 15 | 3. Acts 17 |
| 2. Acts 16 | 4. Acts 18 |

### ***Talk About It with Your Friends and Family***

1. Discipline yourself to remember the bigger picture of what God is doing: overall on the grandest scale, in His activity as recorded in the book of Acts, and most recently at the Jerusalem Council.
2. The text states that Paul and Barnabas had a sharp disagreement. What sin does Luke identify that lay behind their disagreement?
3. Unless you are willing to speculate as to one or the other being in the wrong or somehow at fault, what are you forced to conclude?
4. Since Luke assigns fault to neither Paul nor Barnabas, we should consider that finding fault is not his main point. What then is his stated point?
5. What works against God using the disagreements you face with other Christians?
6. How must you manage your disagreements in order to live out the reality of what God has done for you in Christ?
7. Before God, will you?

### ***Memory and Meditation Verse***

"And he was traveling through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches." Acts 15:41 (NASB).

**Next Week:** Read Acts 16-18:22 with a focus on Acts 16:1-13