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**1. Settle** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.36)

**Acts 15:36** *And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are."*

**37** *Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark.*

**38** *But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.*

**39** *And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus,*

**40** *but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.*

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

**2. Seek** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.37-38)

**3. Solve** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.39-41)



# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Acts 15:36-41**. After hearing this sermon, describe how the "separation" of these missionaries can be understood as a non-sinful and even wise solution to the "sharp disagreement" Paul and Barnabas experienced?
2. Read **Galatians 5:14-15**. While Paul was uncompromisingly fighting for the truth of the gospel in Galatia, there was lots of unnecessary conflict in the churches to which he was writing. What does this "biting" usually look like and what do you imagine Paul had in mind when he envisioned the threat of them "consuming" each other?
3. Read **1 Peter 4:13-15 & Proverbs 26:20-21**. What conflicts have you had with other Christians that you thought at the time were like the one in Acts 15:36-41, but in retrospect you realize arose from your own sin?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 4:1-5**. In what situations have you failed to consider your stewardship before God, sacrificing the wisest and most fruitful path because you were trying to avoid conflict or disagreement?
5. Read **James 3:13-18**. What aspect of this great text is most needed in your life right now as you consider constructive solutions to the conflicts that you currently have or anticipate having in this season of your life?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 20-40 – **Enjoying God's Family**
- Msg. 10-35 – **Managing Your Emotions & Taming Your Tongue**
- Msg. 11-30 – **Sacrificial Leaders & Replicating Ministries**
- Msg. 19-27 – **Serious about Our Assignment**
- Msg. 20-37 – **The Fruit-Producing Relationship**
- Msg. 20-15 – **When God's People Disagree**
- Msg. 20-21 – **Real Wisdom**

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.5-6 & 1Cor.14:1-20
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.7-8 & 1Cor.14:21-40
Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.9-10 & 1Cor.15:1-32
Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.11-12 & 1Cor.15:33-58
Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.13-14 & 1Cor.16
Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.15-16 & 2Cor.1
Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.17-18 & 2Cor.2
Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.19-20 & 2Cor.3

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Berding, Kenneth. **What Are Spiritual Gifts? Rethinking the Conventional View**. Kregel, 2006.
- Dobson, Ed, Speed Leas, & Marshall Shelley. **Mastering Conflict & Controversy**. Multnomah Press, 1992.
- Gangel, Kenneth. **Communication & Conflict Management: In Churches & Christian Organizations**. Wipf & Stock, 2002.
- Jones, Robert D. **Pursuing Peace: A Christian Guide to Handling Our Conflicts**. Crossway, 2012.
- Pink, A. W. **Our Accountability to God**. Moody Publishers, 1999.
- Preston, Gary D. **Character Forged from Conflict**. Bethany House Publishers, 1999.
- Sande, Ken. **The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflicts**. Baker Books, 1997.
- Sande, Ken and Kevin Johnson. **Resolving Everyday Conflict**. Baker Books, 2015.
- Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership**. Moody Press, 1980.
- Scott, Stuart. **Communication & Conflict Resolution: A Biblical Perspective**. Focus Publishing, 2005.
- Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. **The Soul Winner**. Reprint. Whitaker House, 1995.
- Stott, John. **Basic Christian Leadership**. InterVarsity, 2006.
- Welch, Edward T. **Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love**. Crossway, 2015.