

To The End of the Earth: Problems, Problems

Acts 15:22-41

We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope. ~ Martin Luther King

Problems in the church, yet the church was strengthened.

- 1) What are some “man made rules” that have caused problems in the church?
- 2) If comfortable share a struggle in a church that you have seen and how it got resolved.
- 3) The letter sent to the church in Antioch gives examples of things to abstain from, read 1 Corinthians 5:9-11 and discuss the people you should abstain from.
- 4) The letter gave the Gentiles clear direction. Discuss a time when you have been corrected and it brought great joy.

Problems among church leaders, yet the church was strengthened.

- 1) Issues arise among leaders at times, discuss whether the issue that leads to separation is the only issue.
- 2) Share a time when you have seen division lead to growth. It can happen.
- 3) We tend to pick sides when two people are in a staunch disagreement. Whose side you have chosen in the argument with Paul and Barnabas? Have some fun with this.
- 4) Mark would become a great leader and a help to Paul later in life. Do you think this validates Barnabas' decision? 2 Tim. 4:11

Please spend time in prayer for our church and the leaders of her. That we would have unity and discernment.