



# WE ARE ALL WITNESSES

## PART 3

### A Sharp Disagreement

Pastor Jeff Bucknam | Acts 15:36-41

1. Have you or anyone you know been part of a church split? What was the issue or issues that caused the conflict? How could it have been dealt with differently?

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2. Would you have sided with Paul or Barnabas in their sharp disagreement? Why? Should they have handled their conflict differently? If so, how?

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3. The disagreement in this passage does not rise to the level of the disagreement in the previous passage. Fighting for the purity of the Gospel is noble, but a "sharp disagreement" over who to take on a mission trip seems petty in comparison. Would you agree with that statement? Why or why not? Why do we seem to argue more over the petty things than the noble things? How do we discern the difference between the two?

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4. God uses the conflict between Paul and Barnabas to produce a good mission outcome. Where in your life have you seen the Lord use a regrettable conflict to further His purposes?

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5. Why is it so hard for us to let go of past conflicts even when we see how God has used them in our lives? How would you counsel a Christian who has had a previous conflict with another Christian but can't get over it?

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In your group this week, we invite you to take some time to pray for Israel.

Pray for the protection of the people of Israel.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!" Psalm 122:6 ESV

"As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore." Psalm 125:2 ESV