

## Acts 15:36-41 – A Sharp Disagreement

- **General Comments About the Disagreement**

1. Paul and Barnabas had a n\_\_\_\_\_ agreement and d\_\_\_\_\_ - they wished to revisit churches e\_\_\_\_\_ on their F\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_ J\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 14:21-23).
2. Paul and Barnabas had a m\_\_\_\_\_ love and p\_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel (Acts 9:26-28, 11:22-26, 13:2-3, 15:2-3).
3. Paul and Barnabas had a “s\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_” (contention, provocation to anger) about the w\_\_\_\_\_ of bringing John Mark along with them on their S\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_ J\_\_\_\_\_.
4. It is a sad irony that these two l\_\_\_\_\_ of the e\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_, who fought so hard to bring p\_\_\_\_\_ and u\_\_\_\_\_ to the J\_\_\_\_\_ and to the G\_\_\_\_\_, could not be united about the status of John Mark (John 17:20-21, Ephesians 2:11-17). Barnabas d\_\_\_\_\_ to bring him, and Paul i\_\_\_\_\_ that he not be brought (both strong verbs in tenses indicating repeated actions).

- **The Individuals Involved in the Disagreement**

1. Luke – Under the i\_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit the author does not t\_\_\_\_\_ us why John Mark left P\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 13:13) nor does he “t\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_” but relays the disagreement in f\_\_\_\_\_ terms. Note he joins P\_\_\_\_\_ soon a\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 16:10).
2. Barnabas – He went to C\_\_\_\_\_ with John Mark, and t\_\_\_\_\_ tells us he was m\_\_\_\_\_ there. He continued like

Paul to do C\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_ without pay (I Corinthians 9:6) and was a p\_\_\_\_\_ enough leader in the church to be well-known in C\_\_\_\_\_ and in C\_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 4:10).

3. John Mark – He was the c\_\_\_\_\_ of Barnabas (Colossians 4:10), a “son” to P\_\_\_\_\_ (I Peter 5:13), and a great c\_\_\_\_\_ and e\_\_\_\_\_ to Paul (Colossians 4:10-11, Philemon 23-24) even as he faced d\_\_\_\_\_ (II Timothy 4:11). Perhaps, this is an i\_\_\_\_\_ of time well-spent with his c\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Paul – He recognized the s\_\_\_\_\_ value of both B\_\_\_\_\_ and M\_\_\_\_\_ in spite of the d\_\_\_\_\_.

- **Three Lessons for Us**

1. Godly men may think w\_\_\_\_\_ dictates different a\_\_\_\_\_, but they should a\_\_\_\_\_ be a\_\_\_\_\_ in their differences, even when taking different c\_\_\_\_\_ of action.
2. God can use even d\_\_\_\_\_ among His people for His g\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Godly men c\_\_\_\_\_ those with whom they may have disagreed in the p\_\_\_\_\_, and godly men allow o\_\_\_\_\_ to m\_\_\_\_\_ in their faith and s\_\_\_\_\_.