

## MY CHURCH FAMILY PART 8: WHEN WE JUST CAN'T AGREE AUGUST 23, 2020

“You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.” 1 Peter 3:8 (LB)

<b>THE CHURCH</b>	
A _____	OF _____
AND _____.	

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” Psalm 133:1 (NIV)

### BIBLICAL TRUTH ABOUT CHURCH DISAGREEMENTS

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30	33-35	36-38	43	44	45-48	50	50-52
Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection	Stephen martyred; Saul/Paul converted	Saul returns to Tarsus	Barnabas finds Paul in Tarsus; they serve together in Antioch	Barnabas & Paul deliver aid to Jerusalem; John Mark returns to Antioch with them	First Missionary Journey; John Mark leaves the work and returns to Jerusalem	Jerusalem Council	Second Missionary Journey; Paul & Barnabas part ways

“All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had.... For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means ‘Son of Encouragement’). He sold a field he owned and brought the money to the apostles.” Acts 4:32, 36-37 (NLT)

- **BARNABAS: MAY HAVE BEEN MORE \_\_\_\_\_ ORIENTED.**

“When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the believers, but they were all afraid of him. They did not believe he had truly become a believer! Then Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them how Saul had seen the Lord on the way to Damascus and how the Lord had spoken to Saul. He also told them that Saul had preached boldly in the name of Jesus in Damascus. So Saul stayed with the apostles and went all around Jerusalem with them, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord.” Acts 9:26-28 (NLT)

- **SAUL/PAUL: MAY HAVE BEEN MORE \_\_\_\_\_ ORIENTED.**

“When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw this evidence of God’s blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith. And many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul. When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. Both of them stayed there with the church for a full year, teaching large crowds of people.” Acts 11:22-26 (NLT)

“My constant ambition has been to preach the Gospel where the name of Christ was previously unknown, and to avoid as far as possible building on another man’s foundations....”  
Romans 15:20 (PH)

“For you have heard of my past career in the Jewish religion, how I persecuted the Church of God with fanatical zeal and, in fact, did my best to destroy it. I was ahead of most of my contemporaries in the Jewish religion, and had a greater enthusiasm for the old traditions.”  
Galatians 1:13-14 (PH)

“When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission to Jerusalem, they returned, taking John Mark with them.... One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.’ So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.... John Mark went with them as their assistant.”  
Acts 12:25; 13:2-3, 5 (NLT)

- **JOHN/MARK: MAY HAVE BEEN A \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ OF BARNABAS.**

“Aristarchus, who is in prison with me, sends you his greetings, and so does Mark, Barnabas’s cousin.”  
Colossians 4:10 (NLT)

“Your sister church here in Babylon sends you greetings, and so does my son Mark.”  
1 Peter 5:13 (NLT)

“One young man following behind was clothed only in a long linen shirt. When the mob tried to grab him, he slipped out of his shirt and ran away naked.”  
Mark 14:51-52 (NLT)

“When he (Peter) realized this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer.”  
Acts 12:12 (NLT)

“Paul and his companions then left Paphos by ship for Pamphylia, landing at the port town of Perga. There John Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem. But Paul and Barnabas traveled inland....”  
Acts 13:13-14 (NLT)

"While Paul and Barnabas were at Antioch of Syria, some men from Judea arrived and began to teach the believers: 'Unless you are circumcised as required by the law of Moses, you cannot be saved.' Paul and Barnabas disagreed with them, arguing vehemently. Finally, the church decided to send Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem, accompanied by some local believers, to talk to the apostles and elders about this question." Acts 15:1-2 (NLT)

"After some time Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let's go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord, to see how the new believers are doing.' Barnabas agreed and wanted to take along John Mark. But Paul disagreed strongly, since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work. Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took John Mark with him and sailed for Cyprus. Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord's gracious care. Then he traveled throughout Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches there." Acts 15:36-41 (NLT)

1. **DON'T BE \_\_\_\_\_, DISAGREEMENTS WILL OCCUR.**
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
**DISAGREE.**
  - **AT TIMES, CONFLICT IS A PRODUCT OF \_\_\_\_\_.**
3. **EVEN WHEN THE DISAGREEMENT INVOLVES ONE ISSUE, THERE'S PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - **WHY? BECAUSE OF \_\_\_\_\_.**
4. **EACH POINT OF VIEW PROBABLY HAS \_\_\_\_\_**  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. **WHEN IT GETS \_\_\_\_\_, EVERYONE USUALLY**  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### **RESOLVING DISAGREEMENTS**

1. **SEEK THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE \_\_\_\_\_**  
\_\_\_\_\_.

"Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace." Ephesians 4:3 (NLT)

2. **WORK HARD TO SEE THE \_\_\_\_\_**  
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3. WHEN BOTH POINTS OF VIEW HAVE VALIDITY, SEEK A \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

- BEWARE THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE \_\_\_\_\_.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ INSTEAD OF  
\_\_\_\_\_.

5. IF NECESSARY, \_\_\_\_\_  
WITHOUT BECOMING \_\_\_\_\_.

“Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.” Romans 14:4 (NIV)

#### **NEXT STEPS**

1. Be in prayer this week for all those who were baptized today.
2. Stay connected with the GNG Family through our online offerings:
  - Sunday Services
  - Tuesday Prayer Time
  - Thursday’s Good News
  - Friday’s Digging Deeper
3. Pray for the GNG Family and reach out to at least one person that you have been missing at GNG.