

“WHEN COWORKERS CLASH”

(Acts 15:36-41)

Expository Sermon of Acts - Sermon 35

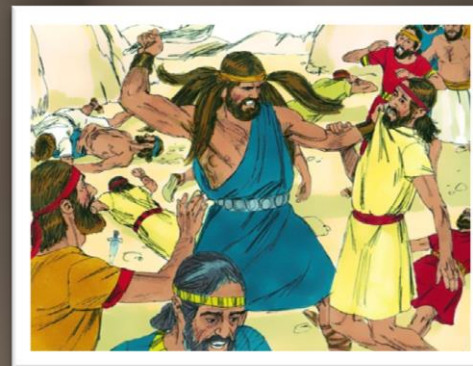
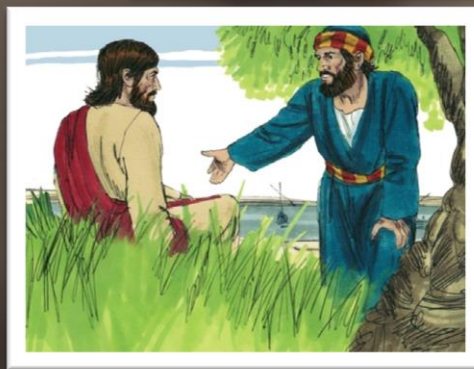
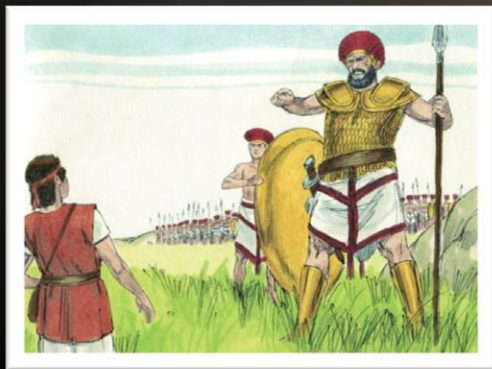
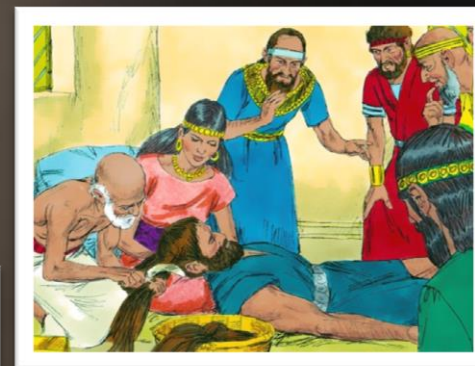
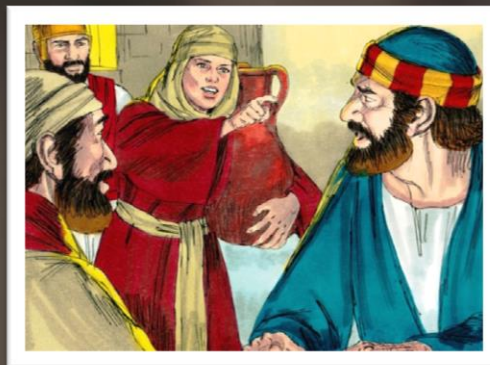
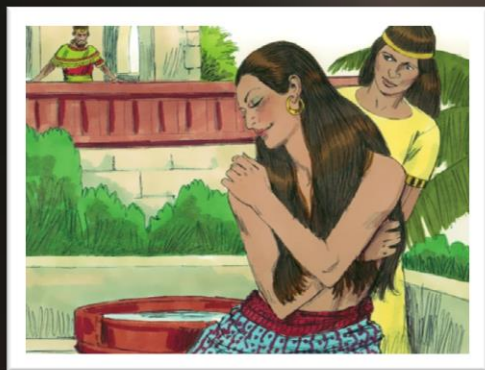
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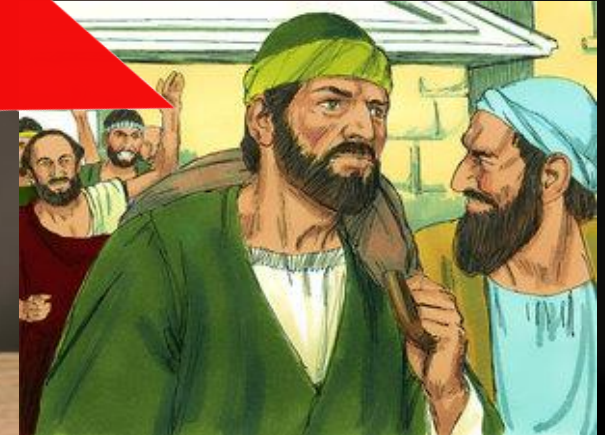
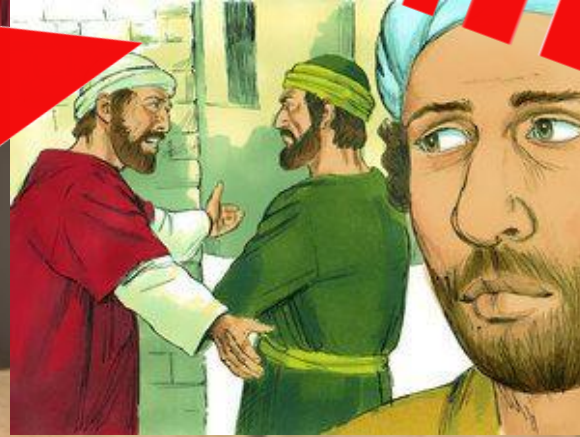
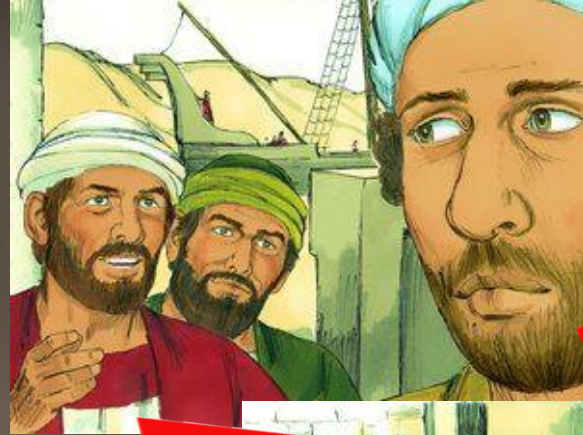
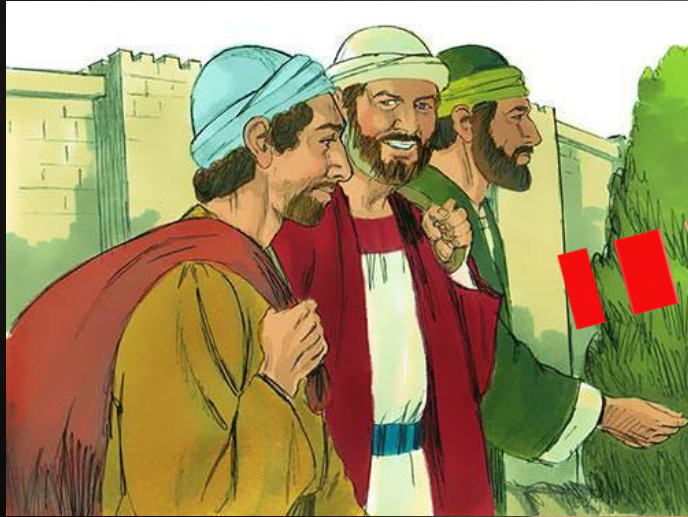
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Have you had a similar coworkers confrontation?



PAUL

**My way is
better than
your way!**



BARNABAS

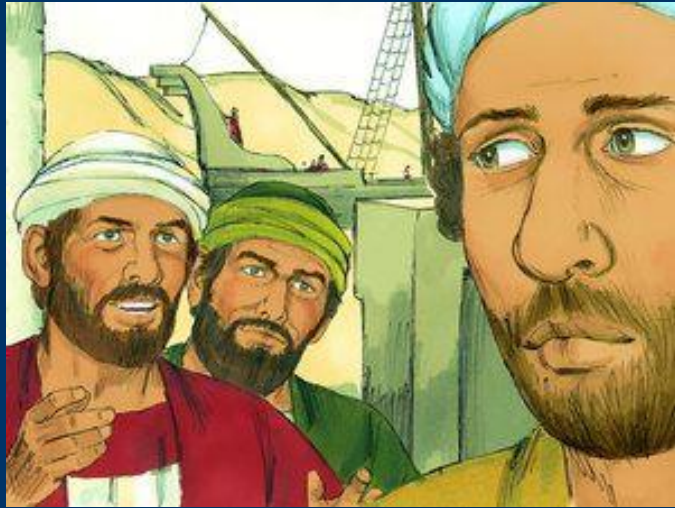
I. SOME FACTS ABOUT DISAGREEMENT

As we begin our study, it will be helpful to remember these four truths about disagreements.

- A) *Disagreements are inevitable.***
- B) *Even godly people will not always agree.***
- C) *Every disagreement has the same two ingredients: an issue and varying viewpoints.***
- D) *In many disagreements, each side is valid.***



II. A CASE. STUDY: PAUL AND BARNABAS



Acts 15:36 *Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing."*

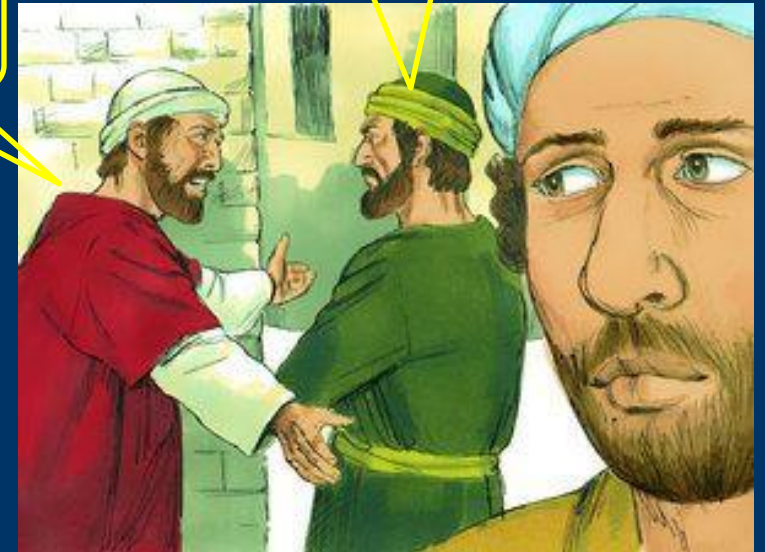
YES!

NO!

A) The Issue



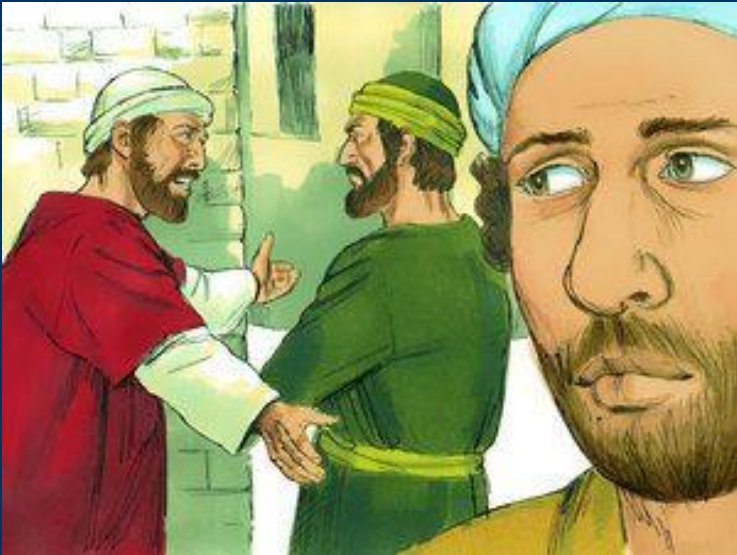
Should someone who defected be given a second chance?



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B) The Viewpoints

Acts 15:37 Barnabas **wanted** to take John, also called Mark, with them,... **Barnabas wanted to give him a second chance to prove himself.**



Acts 15:38 but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.

Paul felt that young John Mark was unreliable.

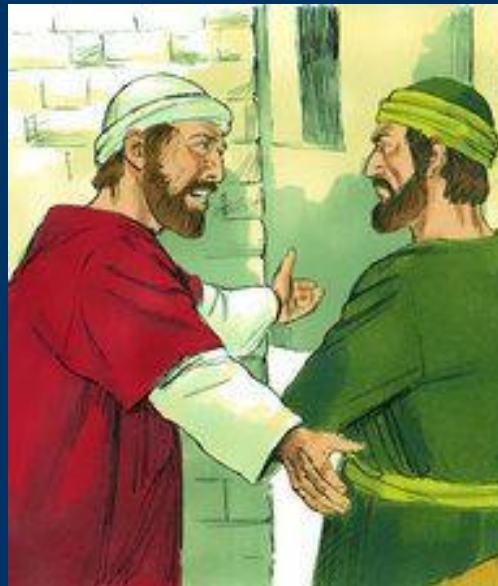
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B) The Viewpoints

Who is right and who is wrong?

Our practical side may go with Paul,
but our compassionate side with Barnabas.

***Barnabas was...
people oriented,
a man of
compassion,
and a builder of
men.***

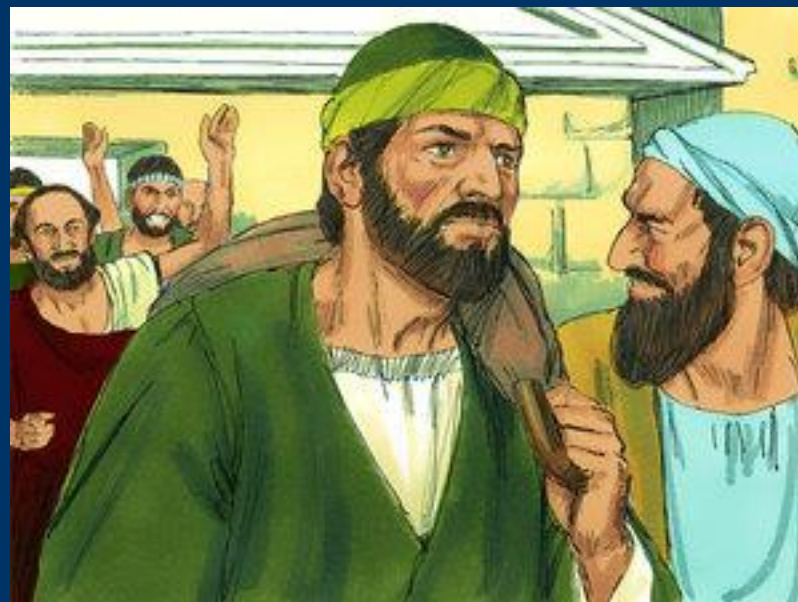
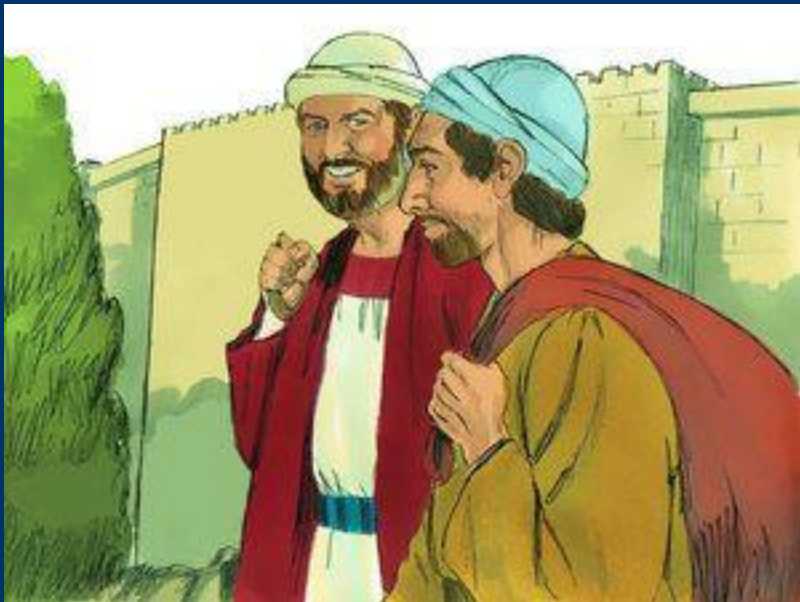


***Paul was more...
task oriented,
a man of
conviction,
and a planter of
churches.***

II. A CASE. STUDY: PAUL AND BARNABAS

C) The Solution

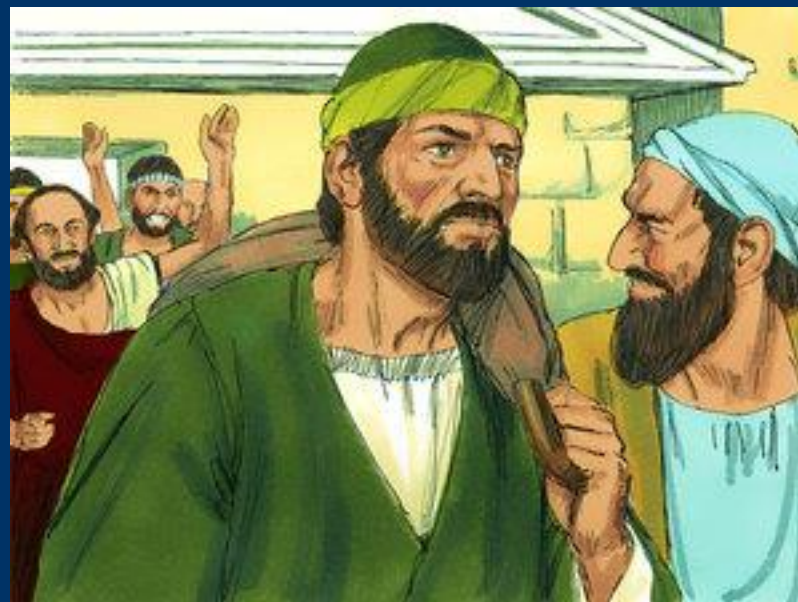
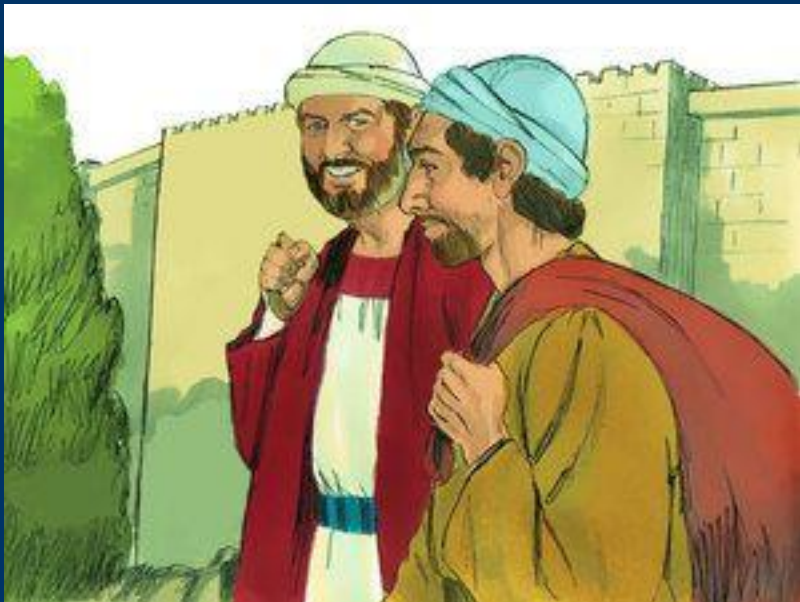
***Acts 15:39** They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, **40a** but Paul chose Silas and left,*



II. A CASE. STUDY: PAUL AND BARNABAS

D) The Departure

Acts 15:40b (Paul) chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. **41** He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.



CONCLUSION:



To avoid the tragic of a clash of relationships, attach the following three reminders like magnets to your thoughts when disagreements arise.

- A. Work hard at seeing both viewpoints.***
- B. When both sides have good support, seek a wise compromise.***
- C. When conflict persists, care enough to work it through.***





CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Has we ever clash with our coworkers due to disagreement?
How was the conflict resolved?*
- 2. What are some reasons that leads to disagreement and conflict?*
- 3. What is your suggested way in dealing with disagreement?*
- 4. How did Paul and Barnabas resolve their disagreement? Was their solution the best or it could be done better?*



Scripture References:

Acts 15:13-35