

The Second Journey *Acts 15:36-16:5*

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Two videos from YouTube were used during today's Sermon:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGIQQdnGA6c>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4BNbHBcnDI>

Disagreements cannot be avoided.

Paul & Barnabas had a “sharp disagreement” over how to carry out the work God had assigned to them.

Two spiritual mentors – Paul and Barnabas

Two spiritual sons – John Mark (a relative of Barnabas); Timothy (A new convert)

Two different styles –

Barnabas; encourager; mentor; coaches to build on peoples weaknesses

Paul; adopts the promising; a model as father to son; teaches the fundamentals

One end result – Both young men grew into important leaders and the Church was strengthened

Key Question: How can we learn to disagree agreeably?

The key is found in a phrase found throughout the book of Acts: “one accord.”

1. When a group of people is in “one accord” they are committed to a specific course of action. Acts 1:14; Acts 2:46; Acts 5:12; Acts 7:57-58; Acts 18:12; Acts 19:29.

When a church is in “one accord” they are bound together by an outside force – The Holy Spirit. Acts 4:24; Acts 8:6

When a group of Christians is in “one accord” they are all trying to Conform to God's purpose and plans. Acts 15:25

When we disagree on HOW things should be done, we can still agree on WHY they need to be done.

Determine to focus on God's purpose for the church.

Make a commitment to God that you will disagree agreeably on the HOW's if necessary.
What does God want you to do about it? And when?