



“Strengthened and Struggling”

Acts 15:30-41 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction – The apostle Paul and Barnabas return to give the Good News to the church in Syrian Antioch and then begin their second missionary journey into Asia and Macedonia.

I. Strengthened in the Faith.

- A. What strengthened in the faith means.
- B. Who is being strengthened in faith.
- C. How they are strengthened in the faith.
- D. The importance of God’s Word for our faith.
 - 1. God’s Word –
 - 2. God’s Word –
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II. Struggling in the Decisions.

- A. Paul and Barnabas were close friends and co-laborers in the Gospel.
- B. But when setting out on their second missionary journey they had a sharp disagreement over whether to take Barnabas’ cousin John Mark with them.
- C. God sovereignly used their disagreement to continue to advance the Gospel.

III. Serving the Cause of Christ.

- A. We learn two every important aspects of the Church’s ministry.
 - 1. Preaching the Gospel.
 - 2. Discipling those who believe.
- B. We learn that every Church needs the care and leadership of Pastors and elders.
- C. We learn that sometimes God uses disagreements to help us grow, and further advance the Gospel

Conclusion.