



## ***“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 very 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.***