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# Disagreements

*After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." Barnabas wanted to take John, called Mark, along with them also. But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. And there occurred such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and departed, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord. And he was traveling through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.*

Acts 15:36-40

## SETTLING DISPUTES

Sometimes opinions or judgments of honest and sincere Christians are at odds with each other. This should not lead to a falling out. Rather a solution that does not alienate needs to be found. Paul (with Silas) and Barnabas (with John Mark) visited the churches separately.

## POSTSCRIPT

Years later, Paul wrote, "... Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service."

2 Timothy 4:11