

## Conflict and Need in the Body of Christ

Scripture(s): Acts 6:1-7; Acts 11:1-18; Acts 15:1-21

Remember this - Christians live in the Spirit best when they slow down enough to love and \_\_\_\_\_ to one another.

### What is happening in Acts 6?

1. The early church had an every day practice of feeding widows who had no \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Jewish widows that dressed like Gentiles and adopted Gentile \_\_\_\_\_ thought they were being overlooked.
3. At the apostles urging, the church chose \_\_\_\_\_ men who were trustworthy followers of God to oversee the daily serving of food.

Lesson # 1 - Real needs should be met with real \_\_\_\_\_ .

### What is happening in Acts 11?

1. Jewish believers struggled with Peter's association with non-Jews. It was a crisis of \_\_\_\_\_ for them.
2. Peter shared with the group \_\_\_\_\_ the circumstances that led to both eating with Gentiles and the salvation of those same Gentiles.
3. The Jewish believers were \_\_\_\_\_ to the clear evidence of God's work of salvation in the lives of the Gentiles.

Lesson # 2 - Our crisis of faith should make us \_\_\_\_\_ more to both the Word and one another. (Acts 17:10-11)

### What is happening in Acts 15?

1. The tension in the Jewish Christian community over the purpose of the law of Moses created an opportunity for false \_\_\_\_\_ and peer pressure. (Galatians 2:11-13)
2. Peter again shared his testimony of how God saved Gentiles and connected that to how Jewish believers were also \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Everyone carefully \_\_\_\_\_ to Peter, Barnabas, and Paul as they shared what God was doing.
4. Through the testimony of God's people and a careful \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word, the truth of salvation was clarified.

Lesson # 3 - The truth of God is protected by carefully seeking that truth rather than by mere \_\_\_\_\_ of things which are new to us.

### What do their actions teach us about walking together in times of need and times of conflict?

1. Listening to one another is an \_\_\_\_\_ part of walking together in Jesus.
2. We see the truth most fully when we seek it carefully and \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(Ephesians 4:25-27)
3. Solutions involve actions that include \_\_\_\_\_ responses to the real needs.

**Our challenge:** Reject the temptation to let fear, anger, or \_\_\_\_\_ control how we handle disagreements or needs. Instead, be people who truly value each other and the truth of God.

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