

When Friends Part Ways

Acts 15:36-41

Introduction: the painful honesty of the Word of God

- I. The Pastoral Heart of Paul v. 36**
- II. The Insistence of Barnabas v. 37**
- III. The Insistence of Paul not take Mark v. 38**
- IV. The Split between the Partners v. 39**
 - A. Barnabas may have been compromising
- Galatians 2:11-14
 - B. Paul may have been too rigid
 - C. Illustrations and Examples for Application
 - 1. Our strengths can become weaknesses
 - 2. James and John
 - a. Matthew 20:20-28
 - b. Luke 9:51-56
 - c. Mark 9:38
- V. The Ministry of Paul and Silas vv. 40-41**

Concluding Applications:

It's an encouragement to know they weren't perfect

It's an encouragement to know they didn't hold grudges
- II Timothy 4:9-11

It's an encouragement to know Romans 8:28