

God's Will Through Conflict

Acts 15:19-41

Introduction:

- Many people have an idealistic view of church.
- The church, like any community, can be messy.
- Paul and Barnabas experienced victory in the midst of conflict. (vv 19-20)
 - o The essence of the Gospel was secured.
 - o The unity of the Church was preserved.

Our Study:

1. To do God's will in the midst of conflict, we need to hear everybody's viewpoint. (vv 22-27)

- Assertiveness and active listening—keys to communication

2. To do God's will in the midst of conflict, we must assess what is happening through the lens of the Bible. (vv 28-29)

- Saved by grace (Acts 15:11)
- Food offenses (1 Corinthians 8)
- Sexual immorality (1 Corinthians 6)

3. To do God's will in the midst of conflict, we must continue to share with others what we have learned. (vv 30-36)

4. To do God's will in the midst of conflict, there are times when separation will be required. (vv 37-41)

- It was not God's will that there was a "sharp" disagreement.
- It was God's will that Paul and Barnabas separate.

Conclusion:

1. Conflict in and of itself is not evil, but the way we handle it can be evil.
2. Conflict is sometimes necessary for the preservation of truth in the Church.
3. Conflict handled in the Spirit keeps the Body of Christ united and pure.
4. Conflict can be used by God to bring greater productivity and fruitfulness to the ministry.

Next Step Class

The *Next Step Class* is offered on a quarterly basis. The next class will be offered on Saturday, October 15, from 9:00 AM—Noon, in the Conference Room, to explore ministry and membership at BPEFC. We highlight our Core Values, Beliefs, Missions, Local Ministries, Steps to Membership, and create a Personal Ministry Profile based on your personality, possessions (gifts and abilities) and passion (to help you select a place of service). After the class, you have the opportunity to join the church.

Yes! I'm/We're interested in attending the class on Saturday, October 15.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

(Place form in the Offering or turn in at the Information Desk.)

Sunday Schedule at BPEFC

9:00 AM

Worship Service

Sanctuary

Nursery (Birth to two years)	Room 100
Chicks (Birth date in 2008)	103
Lambs (Birth date in 2007)	103
Giraffes (Birth date in 2006)	104
5s and K (Birth date in 2004 & 2005)	104
Children's Church (Grades 1-6)	Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Fellowships

20-30 Somethings	112/113
Mosaic (Multi-cultural, singles/marrieds)	108/109

10:30 AM

Worship Service

Sanctuary

Nursery (Birth to two years)	Room 100
Chicks (Birth date in 2008)	102
Lambs (Birth date in 2007)	103
Giraffes (Birth date in 2006)	104
Starfish/5s and K (Birth date in 2004 & 2005)	105
Apples/5s and K (Birth date in 2004 & 2005)	106
K.Z. & Company (Grades 1-6)	Fellowship Hall
Living Proof (Grades 7-12)	Youth Room

Adult Bible Fellowships

Salt (Elem. & Youth Parents)	114
In-Betweeners (Singles/Marrieds, 50+)	112/113
Prime Timers (Senior Adults)	108/109

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Welcome to Brooklyn Park Church!

We're so glad you have joined us today. Our goal is to help you connect with God in worship and connect with others in meaningful relationships. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

Worship Services Offered:

9:00 AM: Traditions

10:30 AM: Multi-cultural

Guests . . . after the service, you are invited to the Guest Reception Area (in the West Foyer) to meet with staff and learn more about our church.

All-Church News

- **Healing Service at BPEFC:** TODAY, from 3:00—5:00 PM. We will be partnering with Dios Habla Hoy Church to welcome Ugandan Bishop Henry. If you personally would like prayer for healing, or know of someone who would, please join us.
- **Student Ministries Fun This Week:** Tuesday, August 9, 7:00—8:00 PM, Bible Study at the Miller's apartment. Wednesday, August 10, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM, Welch Mills Canoe Trip. Talk with Nate if interested.
- **Men's Ministry Events: Golfing,** Saturday, August 13, 9:00 AM, at French Lake Executive Course. Cost: \$14 (9 holes), \$12 (power cart); **Paintball,** August 20, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM. Cost: \$40. Interested? Sign up at the Adult Ministries Kiosk. Talk with Pastor Josh for more info.
- **Seniors Luncheon:** Wednesday, August 17, 12:00 PM. Cost: \$5.00. If you plan on attending, sign up at the Information Desk today. Bring a friend!
- **Upcoming Guest Speaker:** Sunday, August 21, 9:00 & 10:30 AM. Hear from former MN Vikings Chaplain Keith Johnson. Keith is the founder of Biblical Foundations Academy and is author of *His Hallowed Name Revealed Again* and co-author of *A Prayer to Our Father: Hebrew Origins of the Lord's Prayer*. **Use the enclosed postcard to invite a friend to join us.**
- **Second Harvest Food Distribution:** Friday, August 26, 6:00—8:00 PM. **Volunteers are needed for shifts between 1:00—9:00 PM.** All volunteers (returning and new) must sign up *prior* to each distribution at the Info Desk or the web site: www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/2harvest. If you haven't served at SH before, now is a great time to jump in and help!
- **New Member:** The Elder Board would like to present Natalie Cerezo to the Congregation for consideration as a new member of BPEFC. Comments can be directed to Elder Chairman, Tom Jenson.

For more information on other church news, see *News & Notes*.



Senior Luncheon
Wednesday, August 17, Noon
 Sign up at Info Desk. Cost: \$5

SPECIAL SPEAKER
KEITH JOHNSON,
 former chaplain for the
 Minnesota Vikings



will join us on
Sunday, August 21
 at both services

For more information about Keith's books and ministry please visit
www.biblicalfoundations.com

Coming this Fall . . .

Women's Brunch & Bible Studies
 Men's Retreat
 AWANA for Kids
 Student Ministries Small Groups
 Financial Peace Class
 Special Guest Scott Rigsby
 Parent Connect
 Waffle Breakfast
 Alpha Sunday Nights

Join us!

Bring a friend!

Weekly Calendar

(For more details, visit www.BrooklynParkChurch.org.)

Sunday, August 7

3:00 PM Healing Service

Monday, August 8

Tuesday, August 9

6:00 AM Men's Bible Studies
 6:00 PM Corporate Prayer
 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery & Support Group Meal and Worship
 6:30 PM Quilters' Fellowship
 7:00 PM Celebrate Recovery & Support Group Meetings

Wednesday, August 10

5:45—7:00 AM Intercessors' Prayer Time
 9:00 AM Student Ministries Canoe Trip
 6:30 PM Financial Peace University

Thursday, August 11

Friday, August 12

12:00 PM Kids' Cooking Class

Saturday, August 13

9:00 AM Men's Ministry Golf Outing

Stewardship Matters

2011—2012 Annual Budget:	1,439,750
Budget needed fiscal year-to-date:	138,440
Giving/Revenue year-to-date:	116,098
Difference in budget needed and giving YTD:	(22,342)
Weekly budget needed:	27,688
Amount received July 31:	18,178
4 Our Future (Capital Campaign) Commitments:	1,100,000
4 Our Future Giving:	691,502

Home Groups

Are you interested in a small group? You can meet new people and have an opportunity to study the Word at a deeper level. Groups meet at different locations and times throughout the week. Questions? Call the Church Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Best day for me: _____ Best time for me: _____

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