



**GUARDING THE GOSPEL**  
**STRENGTHENED BY OUR UNITY**

ACTS 15:30-35

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**Acts 15:30** So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. **31** And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement. **32** And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words. **33** And after they had spent some time, they were sent off in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them. **35** But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also. (ESV)

1. Derive Strength from \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.30-31)

2. Derive Strength from \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.32-33)

3. Derive Strength from \_\_\_\_\_ (v.35)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **2 Timothy 3:14-16**; **Isaiah 40:5-8** and **Matthew 19:4-5**. Why and how would everything be dreadfully different for us if God had not clearly spoken in his written word?
2. Read **Philippians 3:1-3**. Why does it make sense that Christians experience a reassuring joy when we all defer to revealed and objective truths which then enable us to definitively evaluate people's religious truth claims?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 1:10-12** and **Jude 3-4**. Why are churches that are splintered by personal or doctrinal rifts inherently weak? Where might the energy spent warring with one another be redirected if they were unified?
4. Read **Hebrews 5:11 – 6:1**. If everyone in your church took this passage to heart and diligently followed these instructions, how would it logically increase the strength and unity of the church?
5. Read **Romans 15:4-6** and **Philippians 2:1-2**. In your own words and based on the truths of these passages, how would you describe some of the benefits of your church being doctrinally and relationally on the same page?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 21-33 – **Cornelius: Family & Friends**

Msg. 11-34 – **Working Harder at Love & Unity**

Msg. 20-40 – **Enjoying God's Growing Family**

Msg. 19-32 – **The Unrivalled Fellowship of God's Church**

Msg. 09-25 – **Connectedness: Being More Intentional about Biblical Fellowship**

Msg. 20-15 – **When God's People Disagree**

Msg. 14-24 – **Your Fraternity of Hearers**

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

July 10<sup>th</sup>.....Ps.1-3 & Ac.16:1-15

July 11<sup>th</sup>.....Ps.4-6 & Ac.16:16-40

July 12<sup>th</sup>.....Ps.7-9 & Ac.17:1-15

July 13<sup>th</sup>.....Ps.10-12 & Ac.17:16-34

July 14<sup>th</sup>.....Ps.13-16 & Ac.18

July 15<sup>th</sup>.....Ps.17-18 & Ac.19:1-20

July 16<sup>th</sup>.....Ps.19-21 & Ac.19:21-41

July 17<sup>th</sup>.....Ps.22-24 & Ac.20:1-16

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Beasley, Michael John. **The Fallible Prophets of New Calvinism**. Armoury, 2014.

Carson, D.A. **The King James Version Debate: A Plea for Realism**. Baker Books, 1979.

Cho, Sung. **Defending Agabus as a New Testament Prophet**. Christian Publishing House, 2018.

Comfort, Philip. **New Testament Text and Translation Commentary (on Variant Readings)**. Tyndale House, 2008.

MacArthur, John and Richard Mayhue, eds. **Biblical Doctrine: A Systematic Study of Bible Truth**. Crossway, 2017.

Nash, Ronald H. **Worldviews in Conflict: Choosing Christianity in a World of Ideas**. Zondervan, 1992.

Ramey, Ken. **Expository Listening: A Handbook for Hearing and Doing God's Word**. Kress, 2010.

Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.

Packer, J. I. **God Has Spoken**. Crossway, 2021.

Sproul, R. C. **Getting the Gospel Right: The Tie That Binds Evangelicals Together**. Baker Books, 1999.

Strauch, Alexander. **The Hospitality Commands: Building Loving Christian Community**. Lewis & Roth, 2016.

Swindoll, Charles R. **Searching the Scriptures: Find the Nourishment Your Soul Needs**. Tyndale House, 2016.

Whitney, Donald. **Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ**. Moody, 1996.