

SERMON NOTES

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Sermon Excerpts:

“Becoming Better in Life’s Relationships”

Part II

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Acts 15:36-41 (NLT) *“After some time Paul said to Barnabas, “Let’s go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord, to see how the new believers are doing.” Barnabas agreed and wanted to take along John Mark. But Paul disagreed strongly since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work. Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took John Mark with him and sailed for Cyprus. Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord’s gracious care. Then he traveled throughout Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches there.”*

How can you maintain a better balance between being accepting and considerate and making tough decisions with and about people gently?

What are some relationships in your life in which you have difficulty being fair-minded and gentle in dealing with them?

We will not always agree with one another, but I must always ask myself what my part in the conflict was, even if I think that I am right...

Many times, I lack the skills to deal with hurts and slights in the proper way no matter if I was harmed or created the harm...

No one in should be expected to agree with everyone on every issue...

Sometimes we must go our separate ways temporarily or permanently...

Today's message is an invitation to grow as person in all of life's relationships...

Growing doesn't happen all at once, it begins with awareness and small adjustments...

There isn't one solution for relationships...

Learning to play and live well with others is a thing...

Growing is one of the greatest gifts we can give to ourselves, our families, and to the community. God gets the glory when we become emotionally healthy...