



## Painful Partings!

Date: May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Text: Acts 15:36-41

**Passage Summary:** Amidst all of our tendencies to glamorize the early church, it is essential to realize that while God was moving in \_\_\_\_\_, it was far from \_\_\_\_\_!

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See that some of the imperfections of the early church involved sharp \_\_\_\_\_ that lead to painful \_\_\_\_\_! (15:36-41)

**Application:** Recognize that when it comes to sharp disagreements that lead to painful partings, it is essential that we focus on the...

- \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_!

**Remember:** When it comes to painful partings, God delights in turning darkness and division into Divine opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_ in sharing the \_\_\_\_\_!

- \_\_\_\_\_ of God, not the \_\_\_\_\_ of man!

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- Opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_, not a commitment to burn \_\_\_\_\_!

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**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine amidst the sharp disagreements that can lead to painful partings in the church today, that you will recognize that the issues are not always about right and wrong, but many times about God \_\_\_\_\_ His servants in His harvest field to form a fully orbed \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ!

*"If God had to depend on perfect people to accomplish His work, He would never get anything done. Our limitations and imperfections are good reasons for us to depend on the grace of God, for our sufficiency is from Him alone (2 Corinthians 3:5)."*

**Warren Wiersbe**

*"Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?"*

**Amos 3:3**

*"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."*

**Galatians 5:13-15**