

**Berean Christian Church**  
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**Bible Study**

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**Lord Help Me Deal With Church Folks**

**Acts 15:36-41**

Mark 10:27 reads, “*Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”* (NIV) This verse reveals a major advantage of one having a personal relationship with the Lord. Getting along with people can be a difficult task for both Christians and non-Christians alike. What may surprise many individuals is the challenges they will encounter when interacting with those who profess to know and love the Lord. This lesson is designed to share issues the Lord can strengthen you to handle while dealing with church folks.

**Breakdown of Acts Chapter 15**

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| 1. The <u>Argument</u>      | among the Believers   | <b>Verses 1-21</b>  |
| 2. The <u>Encouragement</u> | for the Believers     | <b>Verses 22-35</b> |
| 3. The <u>Disagreement</u>  | between the Believers | <b>Verses 36-41</b> |

1. The Lord can strengthen you to handle Desertion when dealing with church folks.  
**Acts 15:36-38**  
*“Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” 37) Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, 38) but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.”* (NIV)
2. The Lord can strengthen you to handle Contention when dealing with church folks.  
**Acts 15:39**  
*“They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus.”* (NIV)

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3. The Lord can strengthen you to handle Separation when dealing with church folks.

**Acts 15:39-41**

*“They had such a sharp disagreement **that they parted company**. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, 40) but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. 41) He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.”* (NIV)

4. The Lord can strengthen you to handle Opposition when dealing with church folks.

**Acts 16:16-18**

*“Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. 17) She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.” 18) She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.”* (NIV)

5. The Lord can strengthen you to handle Persecution when dealing with church folks.

**Acts 16:19, 22-24**

*“When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. 22) The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. 23) After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24) When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.”* (NIV)

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