

WELCOME! We're glad you're here and have decided to join us today!

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: Acts 15

SUMMARY: This week we look at Acts 15, the early church's Council at Jerusalem.

As we look at this passage, think through some of these things with me this morning:

1. What do the disciples identify as the key issue in the conflict?
2. Why do you think this is so important to them?
3. What is Peter's role in the discussion? Paul and Barnabas? James'?
4. What does the letter consist of? Why these things?
5. What does this Council at Jerusalem teach us about conflict? Why would the disagreement between Paul and Barnabas be written about right after the Council?

Knowing the necessity of the Council at Jerusalem, what does it have to do with us today? Of course there are some principles about dealing with conflict, but how can we see application opportunities from a passage like this? What if...

1. ...you had to decide if something was a "salvation issue" to you? What do you list as "salvation issues?" Asked another way, what do you believe is worth getting into conflict over?
2. ...you had to decipher if the Holy Spirit was working in someone or in something? What evidences would you look to in order to be sure that God is present and active?
3. ...you needed to communicate with someone who you didn't agree with? What would you say or not say?
4. ...you were able to give your explanation of grace in 30 seconds? In three minutes? In thirty minutes?

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to see how You worked in the early church disputes. Give us grace to see that You don't stop working! We rely on You to see Your truth in this passage!

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAYER: Andrew Poppema (oldest son of Derek and Teri) has been given a type 1 diabetes diagnosis. Prayers would be appreciated now for the transition process ahead. (OC)

PRAYER: Please keep Kirsten Poage in your prayers. She had surgery on her wrist this past week; the surgeon removed a bone. Her recovery process will take a few months until she has full use and function back in that hand. Please pray for successful surgery and a speedy and painless recovery. (SH)

Please in prayer for the leadership transition process that is beginning for 2020 and as we seek the following positions from the Orange City Campus:
1 Administrative Elder - 1 Administrative Deacon - 2 Care Elders

You are encouraged to participate in the nomination process as you consider who will fill these roles. A sheet listing the leadership descriptions and eligible members is available on the table right outside the Worship Center and at the Welcome Center; nomination forms will be available next week.

TODAY - Today our Children's Education Programs begin again.

Immediately following the morning worship service:

- ◇ **Children in grades TK through 5th are invited to the JAM room next to the kitchen for singing, followed by a large group lesson. Later they will divide into small groups.** Parents should pick up their children in the lobby at 12:00 noon.

About 10 minutes after the morning worship service:

- ◇ **6th - 8th Graders are invited to WAVE** which meets in the classroom in the SW corner of the lobby. WAVE will also dismiss at 12:00 noon.

During the month of October, we are going to move into a sermon series called "Love Does." The "Love Does" series not only will be our Sunday sermon series, but also you will have the chance to participate with a small group for a five-week study. **This week is the last official week to get signed up as books need to be ordered. If you are not currently signed up, please stop by the table in the lobby to sign up.** This is a great way to deepen your faith and to fellowship with brothers and sisters.

TODAY

9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE

10:00am WORSHIP

10:20am LITTLE TREASURES

3-5 yr olds time to worship God
meets in Upper Room
watch for dismissal slide

Please remember to stop in the lobby and check in your child

11:00am STAY AND PRAY

SW corner of the Worship Center

11:00am JAM PRAISE AND WORSHIP (TK-5th gr)

Meets in room next to the kitchen

11:10am WAVE (6th-8th gr)

Meets in room in SW corner of the lobby
dismisses at 12:00 noon

11:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS (TK-5th gr)

dismisses at 12:00 noon
Parents please pick up your child in the lobby

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tues, Sept 24 3:30pm - Staff meeting

Wed, Sept 25 7:00pm - Overflow (9th-12th gr) @ OC Campus

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sun, Sept 29 - GRACE Huddle Mtg - Attendance by every family involved in GRACE at the OC Campus is strongly encouraged.

Sundays, Oct 6 & 13 - 5:00pm - Christmas program planning dates. If interested in helping plan, contact Sue Dykstra
1susandykstra@gmail.com

Stewardship Team Update - Thank you for your generous giving for the ministries of Living Water Community Church. Here are a few highlights based off the August 31, 2019 financial statements:

Revenue & Disbursements Update - For the first two months of this fiscal year (July - August) we currently have a shortfall of (-\$4,379.61).

- Total Revenue / Income = \$57,644.92
- Total Disbursements / Expenses = \$62,024.53
- Net Increase / (Decrease) = (-\$4,379.61)

LW Cash-Flow Update - The Living Water accounts at Northwestern Bank had a balance of \$66,372.92 on August 31, 2019.

- It costs LWCC approximately \$1,050 to operate on a daily basis.
- With our cash balances, we have about 63 days of operating money.
- The Stewardship Team has a goal of getting up to greater than 75 days of operating cash.

Building Debt Update - We currently have one loan to the Sheldon Christian School Foundation for \$100,000. Our debt to equity (the amount of debt based on the market value of our two campuses) is very strong. We are very healthy from a debt perspective.

GRACE Update - Our GRACE/Fair Share obligation for the last school year (July 2018- June 2019) was \$104,545.00 (55 Students).

- As of August 31, 2019 - we have paid the schools \$104,545.00 or 100%.
- We will be receiving the updated requested amounts for this school year (2019-20) later this month from the area Christian schools.

Electronic Giving - is an option. You are encouraged to try it out!

• **Online:** Visit <https://forallwhohirst.churchcenter.com/giving>
You will need to set up your account on this secure website through several steps, follow the prompts.

- **On your phone:** Install the "Church Center App" and then look for Living Water under the search option. Once installed and verified (through a text code), you will be able to make donations through the app anytime.
- **Text:** Text any amount (example: \$20) to "84321" and follow the prompts to set up your account.

Please remember LWCC in your giving.
The Stewardship Team