

## The Foundation for Unhindered Ministry

Acts 15:1-35

#4 *Unhindered (Acts 13-20)*

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**Dispute** - Salvation by faith in Jesus +  
Acts 15:1–5

**Defense** - Salvation by faith in Jesus + nothing  
Acts 15:6–21

**Declaration** - Living together as the people of God  
Acts 15:22–35

### REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

**Monday:** Read Acts 15:1-5. Who is the initial (vv. 1-2) and ultimate (vv. 4-5) dispute between? Why is this the key issue of the faith?

**Tuesday:** Read Acts 10-11 and 13-14. How might this inform the dispute in Acts 15? In relation to those different (and perhaps despised) among us today?

**Wednesday:** Read Acts 15:6-21. Note the input of Peter (vv. 6-11), Barnabas and Paul (v. 12) and James (vv. 13-21). How does each contribution support the final decision?

**Thursday:** Read Acts 15:22-35. How might disobedience in these areas hinder a believer's testimony in the first century? Could they hinder a believer's testimony today?

**Friday:** Can you name the "Four P's" in "God's Purpose for Creating Sex"? They are: portray (the image of God), permanence (of oneness, commitment and covenant), procreation (Gen. 1:26), and pleasure (Song of Songs; 1 Corinthians 7). Choose one of these three texts and read it today.

**Saturday:** To prepare for Youth Sunday, read John 17:1-25 and pray for our youth!