

NEXT STEPS:

CONNECT: Pray For a Young Believer: *Spend some time praying to God for a young believer in your Church.*

GROW: Seek Forgiveness: *Seek forgiveness from those that you have had conflict with over disputable matters.*

SERVE: Join a Life Group: *Make a comment to other Christians, helping one another to grow strong in our faith.*

REFLECTION / LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Read Romans 14:1-23

- *Have you ever heard of or experienced a conflict in the Church?*
- *Has your experience in Church been marked by fake harmony or genuine harmony?*
- *What is the difference between a disputable vs. non-disputable matter? What are some examples of disputable matters vs. non-disputable matters that you have seen or experienced?*
- *Are there people in your life that you need to extend grace to and withhold judgment from?*
- *What are some common hurdles that young growing Christians face in becoming spiritually mature Christians?*
- *How does the Gospel change the way you view other Christians that you may have disagreements with?*



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Wave 5 Year Anniversary!

Wave is turning 5 on Sunday September 18th!!! Come celebrate with us in Service and party afterwards with Street Tacos & Festivities in the park!

NEW RELATIONSHIPS: IN THE FAMILY OF GOD

Romans 14:1-23

TWO RELATIONAL OPTIONS:

FAKE HARMONY: DISHONORS THROUGH AVOIDING CONFLICT

GENUINE HARMONY: HONORS THROUGH ADDRESSING CONFLICT

HOW TO FIGHT WELL IN THE FAMILY OF GOD?

Romans 14:1-4 (DISPUTE #1 FOOD)

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Romans 14:5-9 (DISPUTE #2 SPECIAL DAYS OF WORSHIP)

⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

IN THE FAMILY OF GOD WE ARE TO SHOW GRACE TO ONE

ANOTHER ON DISPUTABLE MATTERS

- **DISPUTABLE MATTER: A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE THAT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED IN THE BIBLE**

- **NON-DISPUTABLE MATTER: BASIC PRINCIPLES THAT ARE CLEAR IN THE BIBLE**

Romans 14:10-12 ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

IN THE FAMILY OF GOD WE LET GOD BE THE JUDGE

Romans 14:13-19 ¹³ Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. ¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵ For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

SHOW GRACE NOT JUDGMENT TO THE WEAK

REMOVE HURDLES FOR THE WEAK

Romans 14:20-23 ²⁰ Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. ²¹ It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. ²² The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. ²³ But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS & HIS GOSPEL

- We are to accept anyone the Lord has accepted in the Gospel

- We are not to condemn those who are no longer condemned by Jesus

- We must check that our conscience & actions are in line with the freedom Jesus offers us through the Gospel