

All Aboard the Grace Train—Part 2

November 5, 2023 | Acts 15:1-35 | Pastor Mike Foster

Review from last week:

- Stay on the Grace Train (continue in the grace of God)
- Do not make it more difficult than God does for others to ride the Grace Train

Today's point:

- Be willing to restrict your freedom for the sake of others on the Grace Train

Additional notes on Acts 15 and Romans 14:

Big Takeaways:

Embrace and enjoy our freedom in Christ.
See and serve each other in love

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. In your own words, summarize what happens at the Jerusalem Council in Acts 15.
3. In your own words, explain the difference between a precept, a principle, and a preference. Why is it important to distinguish between God's clear commands and one's own personal convictions?
4. What are some examples of areas where Christians can have different opinions or preferences?
5. Read Galatians 3:13-15. Have you ever seen Christians devoured or destroyed by one another in ways these verses warn about? What has this looked like in your experience?
6. Have you ever been hurt by someone's legalism? Have you ever stumbled over someone exercising their Christian freedom without concern for you? Describe these experiences.
7. What is something people don't know about you that might help them to better understand you and serve you in your Christian journey?
8. Spend some time together reading Romans 14. What stands out to you in this chapter? What are the main lessons God is trying to teach us in this chapter?
9. What is a situation you have been in where you were (or should have been) careful to be sensitive to the convictions of other brothers or sisters in Christ?
10. Read Romans 15:5-7. What would it look like in practical, tangible ways for a church to have "one mind" and "one voice."

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Read Romans 14:1-15:7, 1 Corinthians 10:23-33, Galatians 3:13-15, Colossians 2:16-23

Read "What can we learn from the Jerusalem Council?"

- <https://bit.ly/jerusalemcouncil>

Read about Christian liberty - <https://bit.ly/christianlibertyprinciples>

Read about how to disagree lovingly with other Christians

- <https://bit.ly/disagree lovingly>

Read this good treatment of Romans 14

- <https://bit.ly/christianlibertyroman>

Listen to "Unity Hymn" - <https://bit.ly/unityhymn>

