

When was the last time you had a run-in with a speed bump? They're irritating aren't they. They can also do some serious damage to your ride. Our daily lives and ministry can also have their speed bumps. Those who love to reach people with the gospel are troubled when they run into problems with principled Christians with whom they find themselves in sharp disagreement. Has it ever happened to you? If you have high ministry ideals, you've mostly likely hit a ministry speed bump or two. Let's see how a couple of highly effective missionaries faced theirs.

Happy days

Parting-company

Divine design

Personal Application and Group Interaction

1. How do you typically approach speed bumps (cautiously, respectfully, grudgingly, playfully...aggressively)?
2. Why do you think Paul was so adamant about excluding John Mark on a return visit to the churches of the first missionary journey? How would that have affected you if you were in Paul's shoes?
3. Luke's account of the struggle between Barnabas and Paul simply presents the facts; he doesn't seem to take sides. How does that help or confuse the way you should handle personal or ministry disagreements?
4. What are you doing to improve your own conflict resolution skill? How is the Holy Spirit addressing those issues with you?
5. What good have you seen come from disagreements you've had with other principled men or women of God?



Growing Pains

Acts 15:30-41

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