

“Drop It!”

Unity

- John 17:20–21
- “The entire harmony of views and feelings. There were no schisms, no divided interests, no discordant purposes” (Acts, Reese, p. 19).
- We see the same emphasis on unity stressed in other passages, as well. “Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:1–3).



THE BACKSEAT

Because carting your children around on the roof of the car would get you arrested.

Acts 15:36-40

They Moved On

- The Holy Spirit did not side with either one, so neither should we. Barnabas and Paul each had valid, honest reasons for disagreeing.
- Even after the disagreement, the two are still friends. Their “parting of ways” did not mean an end to their Christian bond.
- Paul and John Mark also remain in contact (2 Timothy 4:11).

Matthew 18:15-17

Bad Blood

- Some seem to take pride in their grudges, like it is cool or edgy to have “bad blood.” But this does not match up with Ephesians 4:31.
- There was “bad blood” between Jews and Gentiles, but Acts 11 gives us a model of “dropping it” and joyously sharing faith with others.
- You might have once been just as foolish, conceited, or annoying as your “enemy.”

The background image shows a sunlit path through a forest. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, thin grasses with small, dark seed heads. The path leads into the distance, flanked by trees with lush green foliage. A semi-transparent horizontal band is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text "It Starts With You" in a white, serif font.

It Starts With You

“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another”

1 John 4:10-11

It Starts With You

Luke 6:27-28, Romans 12:18,
1 Thessalonians 4:11

