

“Live the right life when hurt by others”

Romans 15:1-13

Understand there will be times when you’ll be hurt by Christians with all Godly intentions ... and you will too.

Have the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.

In all you do plan to bring praise to God (verse 7)

Irrespective accept your fellow Christian just as Christ accepted you (verse 7 to 13)

Work at being one in mind and voice with your fellow Christians (Verse 6)

Recognise when YOU are the weak Christian (verses 1 to 3)

- your failings will tell you.
- you’ll lack confidence and assurance in Christ alone for your salvation.
- it will worry you if you don’t get your way.
- you’ll need things done to reassure you.
- *be willing to learn from those who are strong. It’s for your good.*
- *ask the strong what gives them their confidence and assurance.*

Recognise when YOU are the strong Christian (verses 1 to 3)

- you’ll have assurance in Christ alone for your salvation.
- you’ll won’t need things done to reassure you.
- it won’t worry you if you don’t get your way.
- *you’ll want to strengthen those who are weak in their assurance for their good at your expense.*
- *ask the weak to help you understand their concerns.*

This will be costly. It will hurt (Verse 3 and Psalm 69:9)

Draw on the knowledge of God from the Bible and the power of the Holy Spirit for your encouragement and endurance to keep you strong and hoping in God. (verses 4 and 13)

A Bible Study – Romans 15:1-13

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Chapters 1 to 11 have been about how God has made us right with himself through Christ. Chapters 12 to 16 are now about how to live as people who have been made right with God. They are a call to appropriate thinking and behaviour that is Christlike, sacrificial; our response to God’s mercy (Romans 12:1,2). In this Bible Study we consider what is the right way for Christians to think and behave when hurt by others?

Open with a prayer asking God to teach you from His word:

Read: Romans 15:1 to 7.

Questions:

1. How have you felt and responded when hurt by another Christian?
How have you felt and responded when you’ve hurt another Christian?
2. Who do you understand the “strong” and the “weak” to be?
3. What might Paul be referring to by the “failings of the weak”? When might the failings of the weak hurt the strong and visa versa?
4. What are the “strong” to do and why? Can you think of an example?
5. Paul quotes Psalm 69:9 in verse 3. It’s an Old Testament passage ‘written in the past’ about Jesus. He quotes it as reason to bear with the failings of the weak and as an example for us to imitate. As we go about bearing with the failings of the weak what might we learn about endurance, encouragement and hope from Jesus from Psalm 69:9? (See also verses 3 to 7)
6. What are **both** the “weak” and the “strong” to do and why? (verse 7)

Read: Romans 15:8 to 13.

7. In order to encourage both the Jewish and Gentile Christians in the church at Rome to bear with each other he reminds the Jewish Christians that Jesus is the promised Christ - “the fulfilment of the promise made to the patriarchs” and the One in whom both Jew and Gentile have received mercy from God. This is ‘God’s truth’ for which ‘Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’ for both Jew and Gentile. He then prays verse 13. What could we learn today from these verses and Paul’s prayer?

Close with prayer.

In preparation for the next Bible Study read ahead Romans 15:14-16:27

This Bible Study is such that it can be done on one’s own or with others in a Bible Study Group - even around the table at home. It’s designed to help you to remember the sermon, grow in your knowledge and love of God, appreciate your fellowship with other believers and to take your part in the life of the Church as followers of Jesus Christ - Trevor Young – Senior Minister Abbotsford Anglican