



Series: Live by Faith Together

Title: Contending for the Truth Without Quarreling Over Opinions

Scripture: Romans 14:1-23

2026 Theme Verses *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:5-7*

January Scripture Memory: *"Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." Romans 13:8*

How does the church stay united in the gospel? Keep the major thing the main thing IN EVERYTHING.

- 1. Welcome those who are weak in faith into loving discipleship. (v. 1)**
 - a. Do not welcome them into an argument. (v. 1)
 - b. Do not welcome them then gossip about them. (v. 2)
 - c. Do not deny one another due to their preferences or customs. (v. 3)
- 2. Christians have no grounds to criticize each other. (v. 4)**
 - a. We must guard our mouths at home, in public, in school, at church. (v. 4)
 - b. Christians do have grounds to correct each other. (Eph. 4:15; Prov. 27:5-6)
 - c. If we have something to say we must say it directly to the brother in private or NOT at all. (Matt. 18:15)
- 3. Follow your convictions to honor the Lord, not build up your honor. (vs. 5-8)**
 - a. How do you know if your desire is to honor the Lord? Gratitude exudes in you and from you.
- 4. Christians have no grounds to despise each other. (vs. 9-12)**
 - a. Every action, word, text, email, whisper, and thought will be accounted for and judged by God. (Ecc. 12:14; 2 Cor. 5:10; Jer. 17:10)

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5. **Be open to reforming your convictions and be patient with others who don't see things the way you see them. (vs. 13-19)**
 - a. Write your personal convictions in pencil with an eraser and don't stab anyone.
 - b. We all have incomplete and incorrect theology and are ALL IN NEED of correction with the truth of God's Word.
6. **Be more concerned with building up one another, making peace, and walking in love than flaunting your freedom or venting your disgust. (vs. 19-20)**
 - a. If you spend the energy on praying for and blessing someone you disagree with then you won't have the desire to tear them down.
 - b. Do not hinder one another or cause them to stumble.
7. **Seek the Lord and ask if your conviction proceeds from faith. (vs. 20-23)**
 - a. A self-propagated conviction lived out can destroy the work of God.