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A Good Argument PART 2

ACTS 15:1-21 NRSV

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In Acts 15, Paul and Barnabas have come to Jerusalem from Antioch because some Judaizers arrived in Antioch teaching that Gentiles cannot be saved unless they are circumcised

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Disagreements are inevitable

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“Testimony of Theophany”

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**A theophany is a manifestation of
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Theophanies lead to testimonies

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God and “can’t” don’t go together

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Searching for the Spirit

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How did they know their decision was in alignment with the Holy Spirit?

They had to pause and pray

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Prayer is the pathway to peace

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The Resolution/Decision of the Jerusalem Council:

✓ Do not engage in incestuous sexual relationship

✓ Do not eat or drink blood

✓ Do not eat the meat of strangled animals

✓ Do not eat meat sacrificed to idol Gods



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Paul was willing to place the unity
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