





#### THE DIVISION OF THE DISCIPLES

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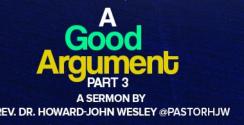
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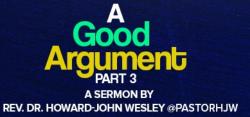
Acts 15 is a lesson on how to have a good argument, how to discern God's will in a dispute, how to disagree without being divided, and how to argue in ways that still honor God







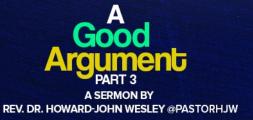
#### The Power of Perspective







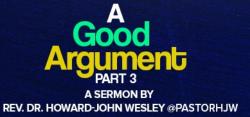
### The Testimony of Theophany







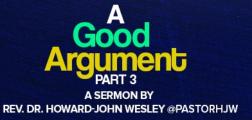
#### Practice of Privacy







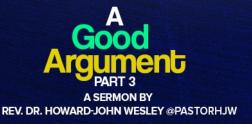
#### The Witness of the Word







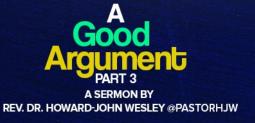
### There is no way to fully discern the will of God without the Word of God







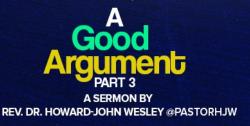
## The Bible has a history of being weaponized







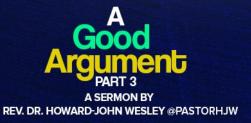
## Through its use of scripture, evil gives the appearance of being divinely ordained







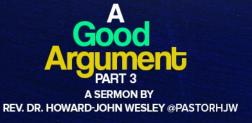
#### Is this what the Bible really says?







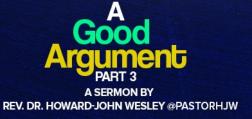
#### What else does the Bible say?







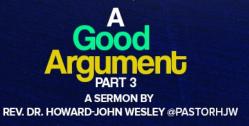
#### What does Jesus say?







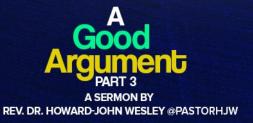
## There's a difference between privacy and secrecy







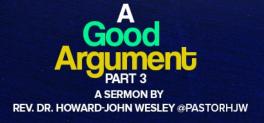
## Every good argument needs a "let's pray"







## Be cautious of people who will argue with you but will not pray with you





#### James' decision/resolution



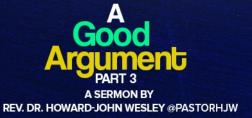
**SERMON NOTES** 

- Do not engage in incestuous sexual relations
- Do not consume any blood
- Do not eat any strangled meat
- Do not eat meat sacrificed to idols





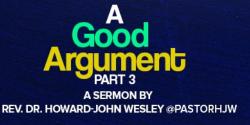
#### I Corinthians 10:25,26







# Paul leaves Jerusalem in alignment even though he is not in full agreement







# Paul was willing to put the unity of the church above his need to be right

