



## *The Art of Solving Conflicts*

Acts 11:1-18

Series: Acts, #15

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Theme: **Solving conflicts requires keeping focused on God's truth.**

### **“I object!”**

1. Watch out for sacred cows. (2)
2. Watch out for majoring on minors. (3)

### **“In my defense ...”**

1. Keep calm and collected. (4)
2. Stick to the facts. (4-16)

### **The proof of a God-honoring resolution.**

1. The arguing stops. (18)
2. Praise to God begins. (18)

## In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

**Monday.** Most of us don't like and try to avoid conflicts. But none of are strangers to conflict. We know being a Christian does not make us immune from them. Read Acts 11:1-18 several times for a good overview of this conflict in Jerusalem.

**Tuesday.** Peter was called on the carpet by some of the strong Jewish traditionalists when he returned to Jerusalem from Caesarea. Review the two filters we noted on Sunday for screening objecting to and facing criticism. Do you have any sacred cows? Do you ever major on minors? Think also about times when you have bumped into someone else's sacred cow, or your have been the victim of someone majoring on minors. What perspective does this passage give you about that?

**Wednesday.** Peter gives us a good example of how to respond when being criticized. Read 11:4-6, noting that Peter kept calm and collected and stuck to the facts as he defended himself. Determine to follow this example.

**Thursday.** Sometimes conflicts end with a cease fire rather than a true peace treaty or resolution. Verse 18 notes two observable characteristics of a true, God-honoring resolution: the arguing stops and praise to God begins. When you are caught up in conflict, make sure true resolution is your goal.

**Friday – Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to look at *Making Progress in the Real World*, from Acts 12:1-15.