

# Disagree From Faith For Faith

Romans 14:13-23 | Romans 14-16: From Faith For Faith | Good Shepherd Community Church | February 7-8, 2026

**Big Idea: Disagree from faith for faith by pursuing peace with God and others!**

## Opening

- Read Romans 14:1. What kinds of thing fall under the category of “opinions” or “disputable matters” among Christians?
- Tonight is about how the Gospel shapes our disagreements, not about settling debates.

## Read & Reflect

- Read Romans 14:13-23 aloud.
- Observation: What stands out to you in these verses?
- According to verses 15 and 20, what can be damaged by how believers disagree with one another? How have you seen this either personally or in the church?

## Section 1 – Disagree from faith for faith by NOT PASSING JUDGMENT

- Read the first half of Romans 14:13. This command to “not pass judgment” is directed at “the weak.” Based on Romans 14:2, who is “the strong” and who is “the weak” when it comes to disputable matters?
- Why is it sometimes difficult for Christians to distinguish between biblical commands and personal convictions? Have you ever confused the two?
- What does it look like to hold a conviction firmly but humbly, without judging others who don’t share it?

## Section 2 – Disagree from faith for faith by NOT BEING A STUMBLING BLOCK

- Read the second half of Romans 14:13. How would you define a stumbling block?
- Why do you think freedom can easily drift into indifference or superiority?
- What stood out to you about Pastor Greg’s story about alcohol use and church leadership in Michigan?
- How can freedom become unloving if it’s exercised without regard for others?

## Section 3 – Disagree from faith for faith by PURSUING KINGDOM PEACE

- Read Romans 14:17-19. According to Paul, what is God’s kingdom not about – and what is it about?
- Why is peace more important than personal freedom in disputable matters?
- Read Romans 5:1-2. How does remembering our peace with God change the way we treat one another?
- What does “mutual upbuilding” look like in real-life disagreements?
- Romans 14:23 says: “Whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.” Why is this verse so searching and challenging? How does this verse shift the focus from actions to heart motivations?

### Application & Prayer

- Where might God be calling you to release judgment, limit a freedom, or act more intentionally from faith?
- Ask God for humility, love, and wisdom in disagreement.
- Pray to live from faith for faith for His glory and others’ good.

### Next Step Takeaways:

- With God as His Family:
  - Memorize Romans 14:23. Meditate on what it means to live from faith for faith in all areas of your life. Ask God to help you live this way.
  - Confess to God any areas where you have been the “weak” or “strong” in mishandling disputable matters. Receive His forgiveness and pursue peace.
- With Others as His Servants:
  - Attend the “First Step Welcome Lunch” on March 1 at 12:15pm.
  - Attend the 3-week “Second Step Class” at 9am starting on March 8.
- On Mission as His Missionaries:
  - Give to the “Sanctity of Human Life” Offering.
  - Attend the 6-week “Heritage of Hope Class” at 2:30pm starting on March 1.