

Power with Purpose
Showdown at the Jerusalem Council

Scripture reading: Acts 15:1-11; Galatians 2:11-14

- I. Paul's success in planting churches among the Gentiles sparks a famous showdown.

- II. Many Jewish believers wanted to force Gentiles to follow Jesus and become Jewish culturally (bad contextualization).

- III. Peter was even temporarily influenced by these Jewish believers.

- IV. Paul and Barnabas and Peter eventually win the debate and set the future course of the church among the nations.

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