

# Our Great Example

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 15:1-13.

B. Subject: ethical questions for Christians.

## II. Principles dealing with those weak in faith.

A. One should choose to please his neighbor rather than himself. (I Corinthians 13)

B. Be careful that your giving in does not allow your neighbor to be confirmed in his weakness, not giving them room to grow.

## III. There are things that can be done that can help us out in conflicts within the church.

A. Following the example of Christ who did not please Himself.

1. The Lord did not concede when someone was wrong, however.

2. He adjusted to some people's complaints not to offend in other cases.

3. There are times when we cannot please everyone.

4. Abraham and Moses are examples of those who also gave up their rights. In giving up, they gained from God.

B. Praying for unity.

C. Praise God for what unites instead of focusing on what divides.

D. God is already at work reconciling.

E. God gives us help and hope in these circumstances.

## Application questions:

1. How can one yield to a weaker brother without showing agreement?

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2. How did the Lord show willingness to compromise with others?

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3. What ways have you seen conflict handled in a godly way within your own church? Explain.

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