

MOVE WK 5 Bill Bush | 04.03.2022

BIG IDEA | *DISAGREEMENT* is an *OPPORTUNITY* for *DISCIPLESHIP*.

My actions can cause other believers to:

- STUMBLE
- FUMBLE
- CRUMBLE

Romans 14:13-23 (NLT)

¹³ So let's stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall.

¹⁴ I know and am convinced on the authority of the Lord Jesus that no food, in and of itself, is wrong to eat. But if someone believes it is wrong, then for that person it is wrong. ¹⁵ And if another believer is distressed by what you eat, you are not acting in love if you eat it. Don't let your eating ruin someone for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ Then you will not be criticized for doing something you believe is good. ¹⁷ For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God, and others will approve of you, too. ¹⁹ So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up. ²⁰ Don't tear apart the work of God over what you eat. Remember, all foods are acceptable, but it is wrong to eat something if it

makes another person stumble. ²¹ It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything else if it might cause another believer to stumble. ²² You may believe there's nothing wrong with what you are doing, but keep it between yourself and God. Blessed are those who don't feel guilty for doing something they have decided is right. ²³ But if you have doubts about whether or not you should eat something, you are sinning if you go ahead and do it. For you are not following your convictions. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning.

How we BUILD each other up:

1. VALUE everyone.

Romans 14:15b

¹⁵ Don't let your eating ruin someone for whom Christ died.

2. FOCUS on what's important.

Romans 14:16-18

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3. LIMIT my liberty out of love.

Romans 14:20-21

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4. DON'T FORCE my opinion.

Romans 14:22

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5. *L/VE* by faith.

Romans 14:23

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