

# Acts 15:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

## Analysis

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The phrase 'being assembled with one accord' (Greek 'homothymadon' - with one mind/passion) emphasizes the Spirit-led unity achieved through careful deliberation. Their unanimous decision demonstrates that the Spirit guides the church into truth through corporate discernment, not individual interpretation alone.

## Historical Context

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This unanimity was remarkable given the council's diverse participants - conservative Jewish Christians, apostles with Gentile ministry experience, and Jerusalem elders. The Spirit overcame natural divisions.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the Holy Spirit produce unity among diverse believers?
2. What role does corporate discernment play in knowing God's will?

3. How can churches today pursue 'one accord' amid disagreements?

## Interlinear Text

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ἔδοξεν ἡμῖν γενομένοις ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐκλεξαμένους  
**It seemed good unto us being assembled with one accord chosen**  
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ἄνδρας πέμψαι πρὸς ὑμᾶς σὺν τοῖς ἀγαπητοῖς ἡμῶν  
**men to send unto you with G3588 beloved our**  
G435 G3992 G4314 G5209 G4862 G27 G2257

Βαρναβᾶ καὶ Παύλῳ  
**Barnabas and Paul**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 15:2** (References Paul): When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

**Acts 1:14** (Parallel theme): These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

**Acts 15:22** (References Paul): Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

**2 Peter 3:15** (Love): And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

**Luke 1:3** (Good): It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

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