



Romans 14:1-15:13

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What is something you've done this month which has brought you joy? What is something happening this summer that you're looking forward to?

Assign the following passages be read aloud: Romans 14:1-12; Romans 14:13-23; Romans 15:1-13

1. What kinds of "disputable matters" (v1) might Paul be referring to in today's church?
How do we discern between essential, important and personal elements in doctrine and practice?
2. Who are the "strong" and the "weak"? How does the phrase "Love surpasses Liberty" describe how we are to treat those whose opinions regarding non-essentials differ from our own?
3. How should the Lordship of Christ (vs. 7-9) shape our view of fellow believers?
4. What are examples of how we could cause a brother or sister to stumble (v13)?
5. In verse 17, Paul says the kingdom of God is not about eating and drinking. What *is* it about, and how should that shape our focus as a church? Is there an area where your freedom might be negatively affecting someone else?
6. Paul ends with hope (15:13). How does true Christian unity in diversity become a powerful witness to the world?

Next steps:

- Is there anything you do (past/present) that you now realize could be causing another brother or sister to stumble? What will you do to make it right?
- What is one action you can take this week to build up another believer in love, especially someone who sees things differently than you?

Reminders:

- VBS is less than a month away! Click the link below to register your child or sign up to join the VBS crew!
<https://harpethcc.com/events/vbs-2025/2025-07-14>
- The Deeper Walk Experience is coming to HCC! Join us August 15–16 for a powerful weekend of heart-focused discipleship with Dr. Marcus Warner of Deeper Walk International! Use code **harpeth-member** or **harpeth-couple** at checkout for a special discount. <https://deeperwalk.com/sp/dw-experience-franklin/>
- Have you had a meaningful experience at Harpeth Christian Church? Leaving a positive Google review is a simple way to let others in our community know what they can expect when they visit. [Click Here to Give a Review](#).
- Renew Christian Academy (RCA) is looking for Christ-centered mentors for the 2025-2026 school year. If you know someone who might be interested in this opportunity email Shannon Carpino at shannonc@renewchristianacademy.com.