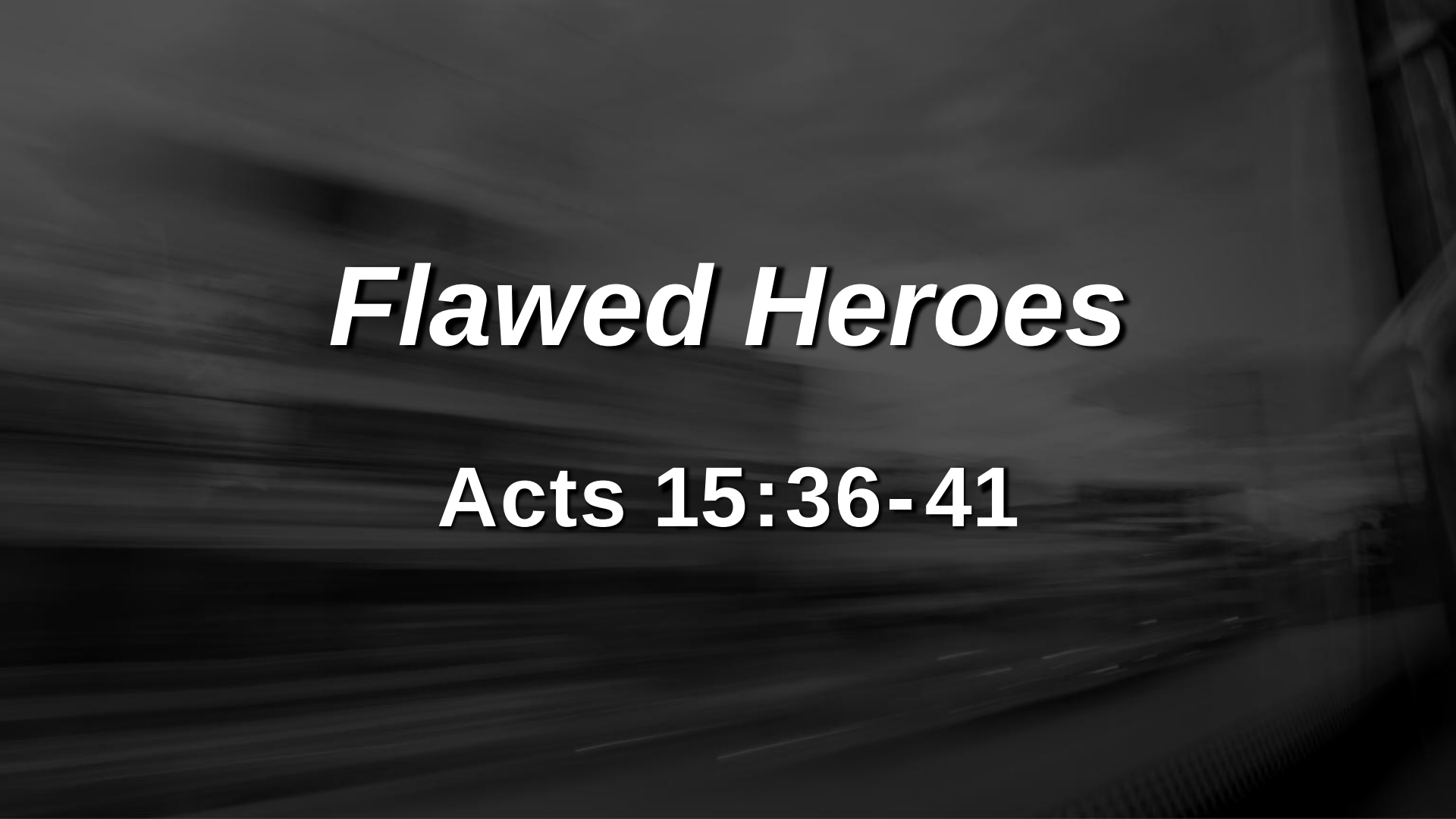


UNSTOPPABLE 

the book of Acts

A close-up photograph of two elk in a grassy field, facing each other with their large, dark antlers interlocked. The elk have brown fur and are looking down. The background is a soft-focus green field under a grey sky.

Great Church Fights



Flawed Heroes

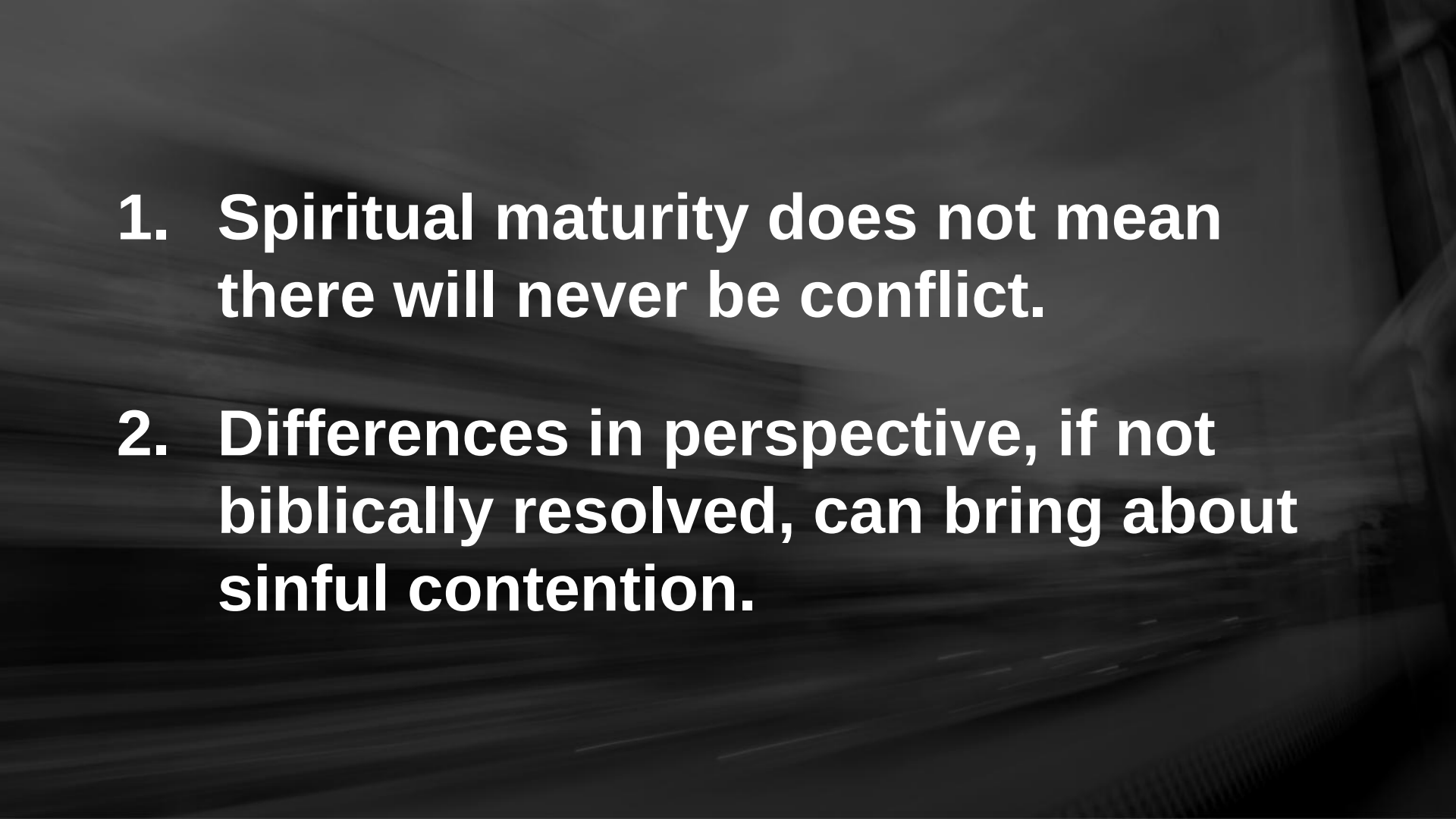
Acts 15:36-41

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A. Theological agreement

B. Shared vision & commitment

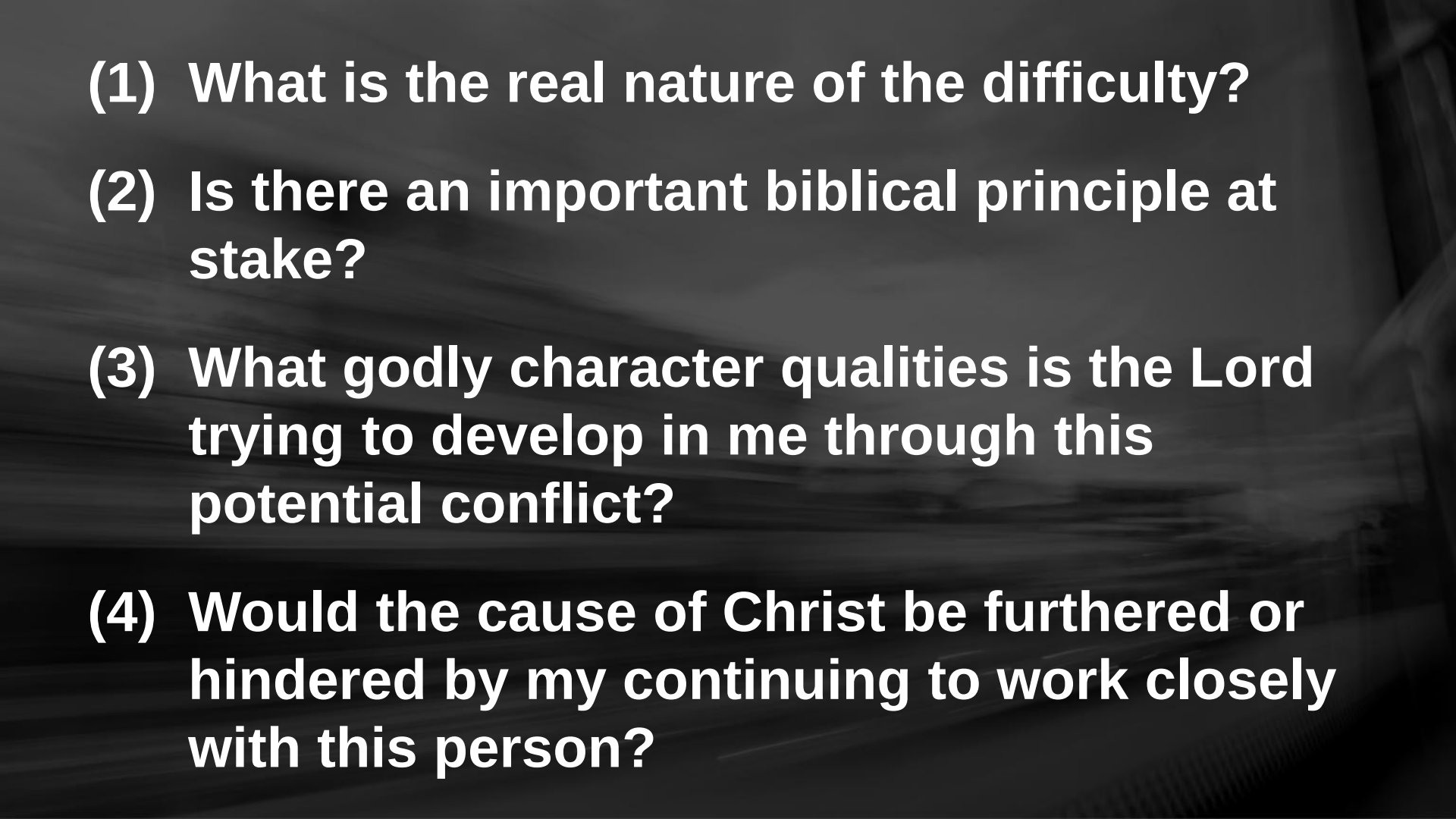
**C. History of friendship and
ministry together**

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Acts 13:13

**“Now when Paul and his company
loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga
in Pamphylia: and John departing from
them returned to Jerusalem.”**

- 1. Spiritual maturity does not mean there will never be conflict.**
- 2. Differences in perspective, if not biblically resolved, can bring about sinful contention.**
- 3. When there is contention among God's people, we must not let it derail our commitment and service to God.**

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- (1) What is the real nature of the difficulty?**
 - (2) Is there an important biblical principle at stake?**
 - (3) What godly character qualities is the Lord trying to develop in me through this potential conflict?**
 - (4) Would the cause of Christ be furthered or hindered by my continuing to work closely with this person?**