

 **Before We Begin...check the original map...**



*1Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters... 4Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand... 7For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. 8If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. 10You, then, why do you judge your brother? 12...So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. 13Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another... 17For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit... 19Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification... 22So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God... We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. 2Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up... 7Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*

 **Let's get in gear...**

Are you a "vegan" (vegetarian) or do you eat both vegetables and meat? What is one of your "interesting" eating habits...and why did you choose this "style" of eating? Do you recommend it to others?

 **Exploration... Discovery... Revelation...**



1. In this passage, what does it mean to be "weak" in faith? (vv. 14:1-5)

2. Why should the "strong" and "weak" Christians stop judging and condemning one another?

v. 4:3	v. 4:4
vv. 4:9-12	

3. Under what circumstances should we choose not to exercise our freedom? What should be the guiding principle in decisions of this kind? (vv. 14:13-21; 15:1-3)

4. What does it mean to "cause your brother to fall"? (v. 21; see 1 Cor. 8:9-13)

5. If "all food is clean" (14:20), does that mean everyone should eat meat? (vv. 14:14, 22-23)

6. Are there any circumstances in which we should continue to exercise our freedom, even if it offends others? (see Gal. 4:8-11; 5:1; Col. 2:16-23)

## What do you think? Some "food" for thought...

- What are some other examples of "disputable matters" which the principles in this passage could be applied to?
- Case Study: Bob was raised in a home where drinking alcohol was strictly forbidden. Now, after studying Romans, he has decided that there is nothing wrong with drinking, as long as he doesn't get drunk. He feels so liberated by his discovery that he orders beer or wine whenever he eats with other believers, and tries to persuade them to join him in doing so. What do you think of Bob's behavior?
- If you are not sure whether something is right or wrong, should you do it? Why?

## As we complete this part of the Journey...

HAVE FUN... "DOODLE" TO YOUR HEARTS CONTENT...

