

When Brothers Misunderstand

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Joshua 22

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- Reminds them of their obligation to live as God's holy people: 5-6

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III. The Misunderstanding 12-34

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How they confronted:

- They were blunt in describing the offense 15-18
We likewise should confront sin with biblical basis and openly without worry of offending. Focus is on God's glory. Asked good question v16.
- They were willing to serve brothers to reclaim them 19
Note the offer of their own land if the land that the Eastern tribes was not sufficient. Willingness to sacrifice for brothers to help them!
Sometimes serving our fellow brothers is costly and sacrificial.
- Note the Gracious Response by the Eastern tribes 21-23
 - They didn't defend and freak out, they agreed that the charges were good and honored God.
 - They then explained purpose: NOT to worship, but to REMEMBER what God has done and that they are all God's people.

Lessons:

- There is a clear need for knowing and understanding doctrine & truth v5
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