

Oh, magnífy the LORD with me, and let us exalt Hís name together! PSALM 34:3 ESV







MESSAGE

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(Letting Love Prevail in Differing Opinions)

ROMANS 14:5-12

Things to Consider When We Struggle with Other Believer's Convictions

There is no benefit in exalting your preference/opinion over another's ⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who <u>observes</u> the day, observes it in honor of the **Lord**. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For **none of us** <u>lives to himself</u>, and **none of us** <u>dies to himself</u>. ⁸ For if we live, **we live to the <mark>Lord</mark>, and if we die, we die to the <mark>Lord</mark>.** So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The LORD alone will judge each believer

¹⁰ Why do you <u>pass judgment</u> on your **brother**? Or you, why do you <u>despise</u> your **brother**? For <u>we will all stand</u> before the **judgment seat of God**; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

¹² So then <u>each of us</u> will give an account of himself to God.

