

A study of the Book of Acts

The

REVOLUTION

that changed the world!

Acts 5-6:7: Opposition Arrives

Acts 5:12-16

Acts 5:17-24

Jealousy towards Christians?

Acts 13:45

⁴⁵ When the Jews saw the crowds, **they were filled with jealousy**. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.

Acts 17:5

⁵ **But other Jews were jealous**; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd.

**We must listen to the Holy Spirit
that is within us!**

Not our hearts!

Acts 5:25-26

The apostles were courageous!

How courageous am I?

- *“I don’t like to share my faith with strangers...”*
- *“I share my life with others by my example...”*
- *“I might be persecuted...”*
- *“This is just not me - I am a shy person...”*
- *“I don’t like to come off too religious by talking about Jesus...”*

These are all ways of saying that I am a coward and I choose to allow fear to hold me back from making a difference!

Acts 5:27-40

Acts 5:29

Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!”

We must fear God, not man!

- Do I worry about what others think of me (or the church)?
- Do I worry about a negative reaction?
 - Do I hate it when people are mad at me or disapprove of what I am doing?
 - Do I have this strong desire to be “Liked” by others or “Please” man?
- Do I try to be “politically correct” in sharing my faith?
- Am I ashamed or embarrassed to talk about Jesus?

Luke 9:26

²⁶ Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Matthew 10:28

²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

1 Corinthians 1:18

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gamaliel says in Vs 39) *“But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”*

Vs 40) His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.



Acts 5:41-42



Arrested
and put in
public jail
for healing
a man and
speaking
of Jesus!

Released by an
angel and went
back into the
temple courts to
“tell people the
full message of
this new life”!

Captured again
and brought
before the
Sanhedrin,
Flogged and told
not to speak in
the name of
Jesus!

Left rejoicing and
“day after day, in the
temple courts and
from house to
house, never
stopped teaching
and proclaiming the
good news that
Jesus is the Christ!

Tenacity



- the quality or state of being tenacious
- not easily stopped or pulled apart : firm or strong
- continuing for a long time
- very determined to do something

NEVER GIVE UP

Go over, go under, go around, or go through.
But never give up.



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Imitate the Apostles (Never give up):

- Obey the Holy Spirit
- Don't be a coward
- Rejoice when you are persecuted
- Get back out (Day after Day!) share the message of this new life!