

sermon notes

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March 30, 2025 | "Never Surrender" | Acts 5:17–42

EXPOSITION:

- 1) The _____ (5:17–20)
- 2) The _____ (2:21–26)
- 3) The _____ (5:27–32)
- 4) The _____ of _____ (5:33–40)
- 5) The _____ of the _____ (5:41–42)

APPLICATION:

- 1) Don't let anyone _____ you into _____
- 2) Don't let anyone _____
- 3) Don't let anyone _____ your _____

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Acts 5:17–26. Why do the religious leaders oppose Peter and the other apostles? What threat do the apostles pose to the religious establishment?

What does the angel tell the apostles to do as soon as they are sprung out of prison? Why doesn't he tell them to lie low for a while until the heat dies down? Aren't they just going to get arrested again?

Read Acts 5:27–42. How does Gamaliel function as the voice of reason in this narrative? What positive things could we say about how Gamaliel is portrayed here? Is there anything negative?

GET PERSONAL

Define the word "boldness" in your own words. List some ways that we have already seen boldness displayed in the book of Acts. Have you found it difficult to imitate the courage and conviction of the apostles in your own life? Why or why not?

What are the essential components of the gospel that Peter shares in Acts 5:30–32? Could you share the gospel with someone else in the same concise way? Would you modify anything that Peter said for a contemporary audience?

Give some examples of when you or others you know have been bullied into silence over Christian faith. List some reasons why Christians resort to silence (i.e., lack of boldness) in the midst of opposition. Was there a time in your life when you displayed great boldness in your witness of Christ? What brought about that boldness?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Is joy in the midst of suffering an impossibility? Does it sometimes feel like an impossibility? Look up the following passages from the book of Philippians: 1:18, 2:17–18, 3:1, and 4:4. Notice the number of times "joy" and "rejoice" appear in Philippians. In light of the passages that you looked up, what can you conclude about the nature of joy in the Christian life?

How do you cultivate more joy on a regular basis? How do you maintain biblical joy in the midst of suffering? How do you know when it is the joy of the Lord?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Read Acts 5:33–39. How is Jesus different from Theudas and Judah the Galilean? Are there any similarities between them? How have Gamaliel's words in Acts 5 proven accurate over time?