

## **LEARNING WITH LUKE - ACTS 5:17-32 TIME TO OBEY GOD** P.1085 PEW BIBLE

**Acts 5:17-32** - filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But...an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ...they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach... Then the captain with the officers... set them before the council..."We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "**We must obey God rather than men.** The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. God exalted him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

### **1- SATANIC ATTACKS CONTINUE - persecution**

Acts 5:17-18 - Sanhedrin

Acts 12:3, 13:44-45, 17:5 - jealousy

*An attack and counter-attack theme runs through Acts. Satan engineered the outward opposition of the Sadducees, and the inward corruption of Ananias & Sapphira, but the Spirit of God always maintains the initiative. -James Philip*

### **2- GOD OPENS THE PRISON DOORS - supernatural**

Acts 5:19-21 - public prison

Acts 12:7-19, 16:26 - unshackled

Acts 5:20-21 - public temple

John 1:4, 1John 5:9-13 - the life

John 6:63-69, 14:6, 17:2-3, Matt 7:14, Acts 11:18 - eternal life

Acts 9:1-2, 16:17, 18:25-26, 19:9,23, 22:4, 24:14,22, 11:26 - the way

*The Lord opened the doors of the prison and released the apostles, to engage in even riskier obedience -DE Johnson*

### **3- COUNCIL ACCUSES THE APOSTLES - fear**

Acts 5:22-26 - 'security'

Luke 19:47-48, 20:6,19,26, 22:2 - Jesus

Acts 23:6-11 - supernatural

Acts 5:27-28 - insecurity

Acts 2:23, 3:15,16, 4:1-2,10,11 - crucifixion

Luke 20:1-20, Matt 27:20-26 - guilty authorities

Gen 4:10, 2Sam 1:15-16 - blood be on us (Acts 2:39)

*In the pathology of oppressors, they think themselves as mighty rulers, but they are guilt-ridden, and afraid that someone or something will displace them. Fear is both the method and the reward of tyranny. -RK Hughes*

### **4- "WE MUST OBEY GOD, NOT MEN" - command**

Acts 5:29, 4:18-20 - commanded (5:20)

Acts 5:30,10:39, Dt 21:22-23, 1Pt 2:24, Gal 3:7-14

Acts 5:30-31, 2:24,31-33,36 - resurrection

Acts 3:15, 5:31, Heb 2:10, 12:2 - founder

John 5:18, 10:30,33,36-38 - Jesus is God

Acts 5:31-32, Jn 15:26-27, Isa 59:21 - Holy Spirit

Acts 1:3,8,22, 2:4,11,32,40, 4:12,31 - witnesses

*When men forbid what God commands or command what God forbids, we must obey God rather than men. -DE Johnson*

### **5- PARALLELS IN CHRISTENDOM - providence**

Psalms 107:1-43 - Pilgrim Psalm

Acts 5:29 - your witness in your arena

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*We cannot have the power of the Spirit if we are saying no to Him. -RKH The fullness of the Spirit in grace & power is not a mystical emotional experience, but a moral condition, the heart utterly submitted to the Lordship of Christ. -JP*

### **DAILY BIBLE READING ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD**

11-20 Acts 5:17-32 - re-charged

11-21 John 6:50-69 - words of life

11-22 Matt 27:20-26 - His blood

11-23 Psalm 107:1-22 - pilgrims

11-24 Psalm 107:23-43 - pilgrims

11-25 1 John 5:9-13 - testimony

11-26 Gal 3:7-14 - curse & blessing

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ How will I be transformed, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?

ACTS of the  
**Ascended**  
Lord Jesus Christ