

We Can Never Stop

Acts 5:17-42

Unstoppable Power: The Book of Acts

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4 Truths About Proclaiming The Good News of Christ

Introduction

Acts 5:17-42 - Witnessing and Persecution

¹⁷ Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ **They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.** ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰ “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and **tell the people all about this new life.**”

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.” ²⁹ **Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!”** ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² **Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.**

Main idea: We can never stop proclaiming the good news of Christ because it changes people’s lives for all eternity.

1. Accept and obey the command to proclaim Christ.

2. Expect and overcome opposition and persecution.

3. Rejoice when persecuted because it’s a sign of your faithfulness.

4. Know God will change people’s lives for all eternity through proclaiming Christ.