



Acts 5:17-42

Haters continue to hate, God continues to build

In this passage we see:

1. The church being _____ through trials and obedience.
2. The apostles becoming even more **courageous and committed** to their task.
3. God's will is being accomplished _____ opposition and persecution.

Delightful Details:

1. **Acts 5:17** **The Sadducees were _____.**

- a. The people were not listening to, validating, or following them as before
- b. Their eyes were on themselves, not on their ministry, or on God.

Warning: Too much emphasis on "ME" and "MY LIST OF WANTS" can cause me to totally miss out of what God is doing right _____ me.

2. **Acts 5:18, 23** **An angel released them without _____ knowing about it.**

- a. If the doors were left unlocked and opened, it would be considered an escape. An escape would have triggered a **manhunt situation**, leading to _____.
- b. Locked and closed doors, with undisturbed guards left only the miraculous. A miracle release _____ cooler heads and a quiet re-arrest.

3. **Acts 5:26-27** **The Sanhedrin feared the people, but the apostles did not fear the Sanhedrin.**

- a. The Sanhedrin altered their plans in fear, because they had no assurance or even hope that _____ would protect them as they served him.
- b. The apostles boldly kept on task because they were _____ direct orders from God and put their future into His hands.

4. **Acts 5:29-32** **The message has not _____ one bit**
- They believed in the gospel message so much, that it was **nonnegotiable**.
 - They did not cater the message to the audience, it was just given.
5. **Acts 5:34-39** **Their lives and ministries were saved by a _____?**
- There is _____ indication that Gamaliel was a believer then, or ever became one.
 - He basically said that if this was of God, they could not stop it. And if it was not of God, it would die off on its own.
 - Sorta, kinda true, but _____ really
 - Good enough for the Sanhedrin to back down, at least for now
 - This is a great example of God using an _____ to accomplish His will.
 - Rather than a _____, they endured a flogging.
6. **Acts 5:41** **The apostles were _____ to suffer on behalf of Jesus.**
- A true believer, deep down inside, knows that suffering for Jesus is a **great and honorable thing** to endure
 - It will only be possible by the power of the _____ living inside of you
7. **Acts 5:42** **The preaching and teaching did not even slow down for an instant after they were flogged and threatened again.**
- Now the teaching is described not only in the temple courts, but also in the _____.
 - God was _____ their **suffering**, their **willingness to suffer**, and their **faith** in God's faithfulness and sovereignty to reach hundreds more people with the gospel.