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Satan's Plans Always Backfire

Acts 5:17-32

I. The Arrest and Release of the Apostles (vv. 17-21a)

A. The Sadducees were extremely _____ (vv. 17-18)
[Acts 5:15-16; 13:45; 17:5]

B. The Angel of the Lord was remarkably _____ (vv. 19-21a)
[Acts 12:5-10; 1 Pet. 1:12; Heb. 1:14; 16:25-31]

II. The Power and Perplexity of the Authorities (vv. 21b-26)

A. _____ power does not always secure the upper hand (vv. 21b-23)
[Rom. 8:31, 37-39]

B. _____ power confounds the natural world (vv. 24-26)
[1 Cor. 2:10-14; Acts 5:41]

III. The Restriction and the Freedom of serving the Almighty (vv. 27-32)

A. _____ for teaching in the name of Jesus (vv. 27-28)
[Acts 2:23; 3:14-15; 4:10; Matt. 27:25]

B. _____ to obey God at all cost (v. 29) [Acts 4:19-20]

C. _____ in preaching a clear gospel message (vv. 30-32)
[Acts 2:23-24; 3:13-15; 10:39; 11:18; Gal 3:13; Lk. 24:48]

TAKE HOME

- Are there any areas in your life that you need to be more ***bold*** in preaching the gospel?
- What ***guidelines*** do you use to help you know when to obey man and when to obey God?
- Can you give other examples of where Satan's plans ***backfired*** big time?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placeritachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 5:17-18. Why were the Sadducees so jealous? What was it that they were after? (Acts 5:15-16; 13:45; 17:5) What areas of jealousy can lead to sin in your life?

2. Read Acts 5:19-21. What did the angel of the Lord do? Where have we seen this before? (Acts 12:5-10; 1 Pet. 1:12; Heb. 1:14; 16:25-31) Would you have been courageous enough to go back to preaching the gospel again? Please discuss.

3. Read Acts 5:21-23. Who is really in control of this situation? Who is really in control of the situations that you face in your life? (Rom. 8:31, 37-39)

4. Read Acts 5:24-26. Why were the Jewish authorities perplexed? Why didn’t what happened in these verses soften their hearts? (1 Cor. 2:10-14; Acts 5:41) What does it take to change someone?

5. Read Acts 5:27-28. Why were the authorities scolding the Apostles? What had they done? How can we do a better job filling Santa Clarita with the preaching of the gospel? (Acts 2:23; 3:14-15; 4:10; Matt. 27:25)

6. Read Acts 5:29. Where have we seen this before? (Acts 4:19-20) When do you know when to obey man and when to obey God? How might that be extra tricky right now in the world that we are living in?

7. Read Acts 5:30-32. How do the Apostles put into practice what the Angel told them to do? What is the gospel message that they preached? How can we learn to be more persistent in doing the same?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one encouraged you or challenged you the most? How will your life be different based on what you learned from this passage?

“When an order from the government demands that we compromise the gospel, Christians must respectfully disobey human authority and remain faithful to God.”

- Albert Mohler, *Acts 1-12 For You*