



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 23/02/25

Series: You will receive power part 3

Hostility to Gospel Witness!

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!**

Acts 5:28-29

1. In the face of hostility the apostles obeyed God and were empowered by the Spirit. (Acts 5:12-32)

2. In the face of hostility- the apostles endured by rejoicing in their hope and continuing to bear fruit (Acts 5:33-42)

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Acts 5:12-13. How did people respond to the Christian community as they gathered in Solomons colonnade? Why do you think there was both fear and respect?
2. Read Acts 5:14-16. What was happening among this group and what impact did it have on the growth of the church?
3. Read Acts 5:17-27. How did the Sanhedrin deal with the apostles and what happened after their arrest?
4. Read Acts 5:28-32. How did the apostles respond to their arrest and what they say about the identity of Jesus and his mission?
5. Read Acts 5:33-42. Who was Gamaliel and how did God use him to defend the apostles and their witness? How did the apostles respond to their being flogged and told to cease their witness?

B. Meditation & application

6. In what ways did the Spirit inspire witness in this part of Lukes book?
7. Have you experienced ridicule or opposition when you sort to represent Jesus? If so, share your story?
8. What does this passage reveal to us about how to do mission and how to respond to hostility to the gospel? How did Jesus' example and teaching in Matthew 5:11-12 impact the disciples in this instance?
9. How does this passage speak to the ministry of the Holy Spirit in mission? How does this passage challenge you to engage in mission?

Dear Heavenly Father; We praise you for the gift of Jesus. We thank you that he is our King, our Savior and that he is present with and in us. In Jesus Name- Amen.