COUNTED WORTHY TO SUFFER

Acts 5:12-42

- God's mission draws people to Jesus through Jesus' **POWER**. 5:12-16

- God's mission cannot be **CONTAINED** by opposition. 5:17-26

- God's mission is centered on **JESUS**, the risen **LEADER** and Savior. 5:27-32

- God's mission cannot be **OVERTHROWN** by human power. 5:33-40

- God's mission continues through those who count Jesus so **WORTHY** that suffering for His name brings **JOY**. 5:41-42

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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Have you ever experienced a situation where obeying God made your circumstances more difficult rather than easier? How did you respond? Why do we sometimes assume that being in God's will means things should go well for us?
2. Read Acts 5:12–16. Why do you think some were hesitant to associate with the apostles while others were coming to faith? What does this teach us about the way people respond to God's work?
3. Read Acts 5:17–26. Why did the religious leaders arrest the apostles? What does the angels instructions teach us about God's priorities and His unstoppable mission?
4. Read Acts 5:27–32. Why is Jesus' identity so important to understanding the apostles' bold allegiance to Him? Which truth about Jesus from these verses most encourages you?
5. Read Acts 5:29. What does this teach us about the priority of our allegiance to Jesus? In what situations might we be tempted to compromise our obedience or keep our faith private to avoid discomfort, rejection, or opposition? (See also Daniel 3:16–18; 6:7–10.)
6. Read Acts 5:30–31. How do we see both truth and grace in what Peter says? How should this shape our conversations with people around us? (see 2 Tim 4:2)
7. Why do you think God miraculously delivered the apostles from prison but then allowed them to be beaten? How does this challenge the way we sometimes understand God's protection and faithfulness?
8. Read Acts 5:41–42. Why did the apostles consider it an honor to suffer for Jesus' name? What does their rejoicing reveal about how deeply they valued Jesus? (See also Philippians 1:29; 3:8; 1 Peter 4:12–14; Col 1:24)
9. The apostles treasured Jesus so deeply that even suffering for His name became an occasion for joy. What competes with Jesus for our highest affection and allegiance today? How can we grow in treasuring Him above our comfort, reputation, and security?

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