



Acts 5:38-42 (NIV) ³⁸Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God. ⁴⁰His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴²Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Greet also the church that meets at their house... (Romans 16:5)

...And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. (Acts 5:12)

They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. (Acts 5:18)

"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." (Acts 5:28)

The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. (Acts 5:30)

We are witnesses of these things... (Acts 5:32)

When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. (Acts 5:33)

But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. (Acts 5:34)

Then he addressed them: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men." (Acts 5:35)

Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. (Acts 5:36)

After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. (Acts 5:37)

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1. The Reason the Church Continues to Move _____ Is That God Is Behind It.

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The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. (Acts 5:41)

2. It Is a Privilege to _____ for God.

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 Christ. (Acts 5:42)

3. Boldness Is Speaking up for Jesus and His Church Instead of Remaining _____.

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Want to Go Deeper?

- Memorize Acts 5:42.
- What bold step is God calling you to make to advance His work?
- What sacrifices have you made for the Savior who sacrificed His life for you?
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *The Generosity Factor* by Ken Blanchard.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you.