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***Power,
Obedience,
and Joy***

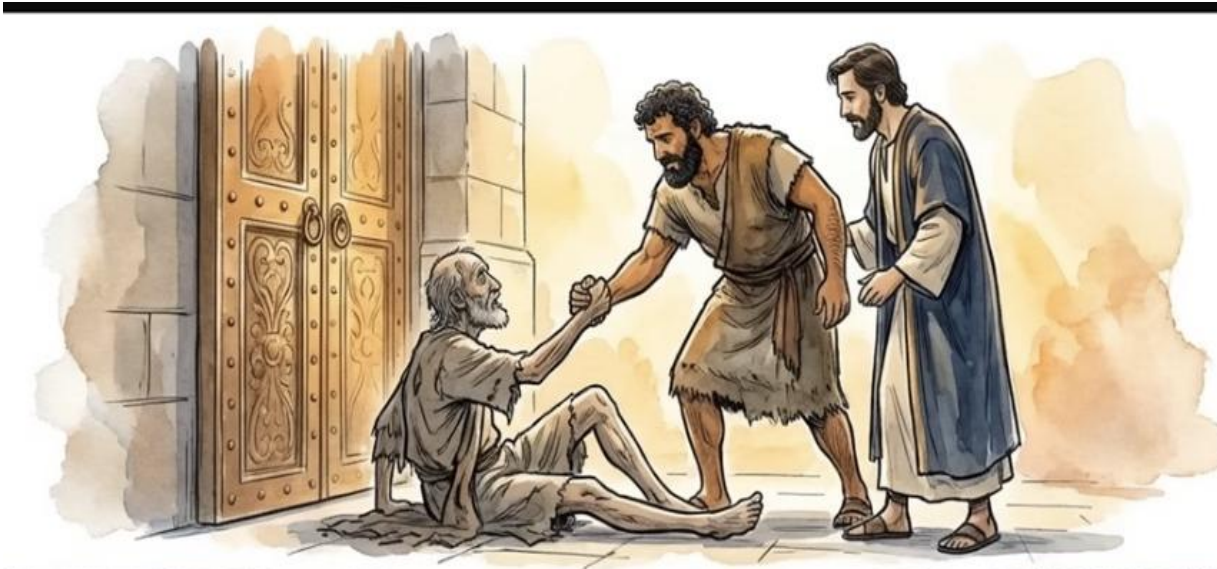
Acts 5:12–42

OF THE

Holy Spirit

A Spirit-filled church is dynamic, bold, and constantly advancing despite opposition

How did they do so?



Acts 5:12–42 Power, Obedience, and Joy

Three Defining Marks Spirit-filled Church on the Move

- 1. Empowering
Presence of God*
- 2. Commitment to Obedience*
- 3. Joy in God's Sovereignty*





1. Empowering Presence of God

¹² The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together... they were highly regarded by the people...more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number...those who were ill and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

Empowering Presence of the Spirit

The believers were united by the Spirit.

The people held them in high esteem.

Multitudes were added to the Lord.

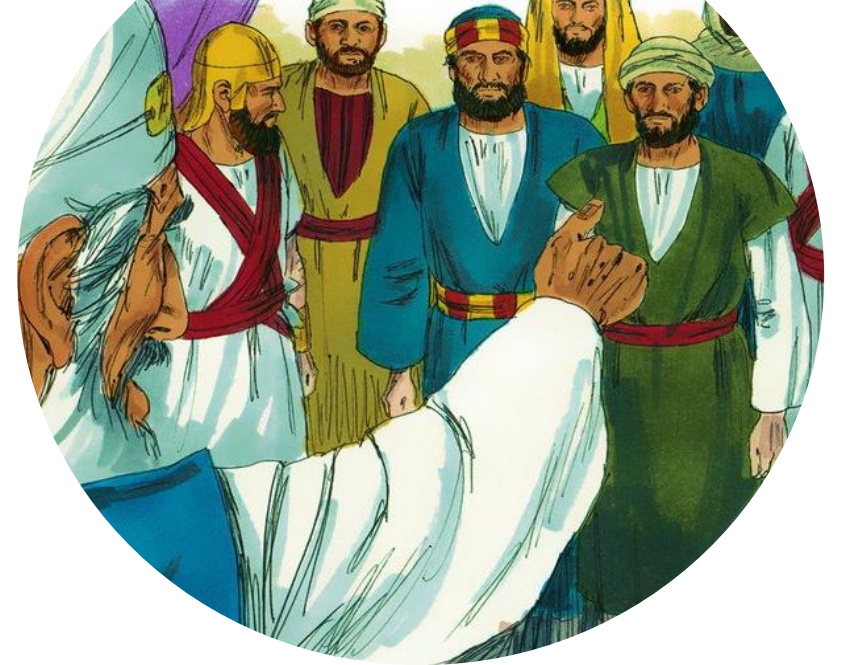
God's Power Manifested

Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.

But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.

Supernatural Intervention

*They were arrested
and released by an angel!*



2. Commitment to Obedience

“Go, stand in the temple and tell all the people about the words of this life.”

They Obeyed

²¹ At daybreak they entered the temple courts... and began to teach the people.



They were brought before the Sanhedrin

They didn't argue defensively

They testified boldly:

"We must obey God rather than men."

They continue to preach

Christ crucified

"you killed by hanging him on a cross.

God exalted him to his own right

hand as Prince and Saviour..."



Source of their Boldness

32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Two-prone Witness

Dual Testimony to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Physical witnesses with inner divine Spirit's conviction, validation and help!



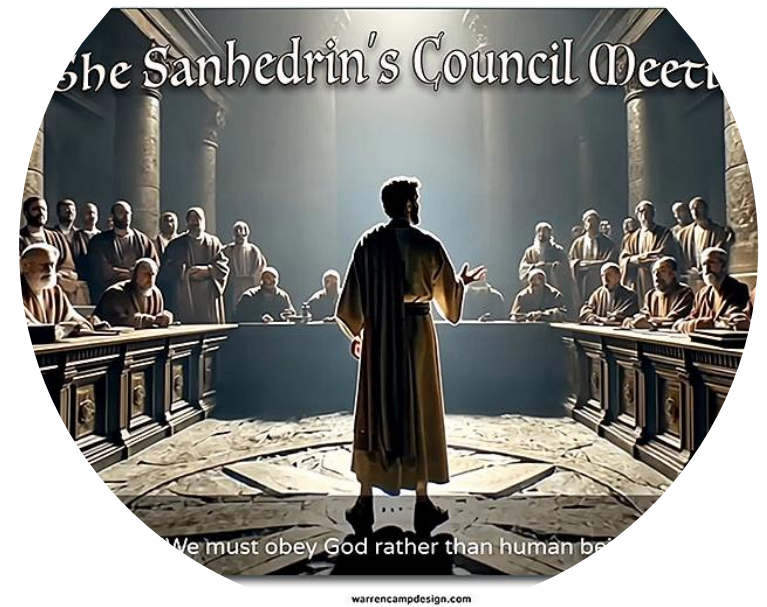
3. Joy in God's Sovereignty

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

God Intervened

Learn from past revolts that came to nothing

- **Theudas with his 400**
- **Judas' tax revolt AD6**



Let God Decides!

Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail.

³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.'

**Preserved by
God's Sovereignty**

*A Divine Providence
using human wisdom*





They endure hardship with joy

- 41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.***
- 42 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 Messiah.***

**No Retreat but Rejoicing for being worthy
Teaching and preaching Jesus daily**

A Spirit-filled Church on the Move

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Characteristics of Spirit-filled Church on the Move



Persecution brings Growth

- *Persecution didn't slow them down it fueled their commitment.*
- *They rejoice in suffering and continue to preach the gospel boldly.*
- *Suffering is not seen as failure but as participation in Christ's mission.*

Empowering Presence of the Spirit

***Programs don't transform
lives, God does***

- A church is not driven by human strategy but by God's power.
- The question isn't "*How impressive we are?*" but "*How present is God among us?*"



**The same Holy Spirit
who empowered the early
believers is with us today**

- *Are we a church/Christians that retreat under pressure?*
- *Or are we a church/Christians who live in His Empowering Presence that stand and trust God in His sovereignty and see Him works?*



Facing Opposition and Challenges?

*As a church and nation
and personal life*

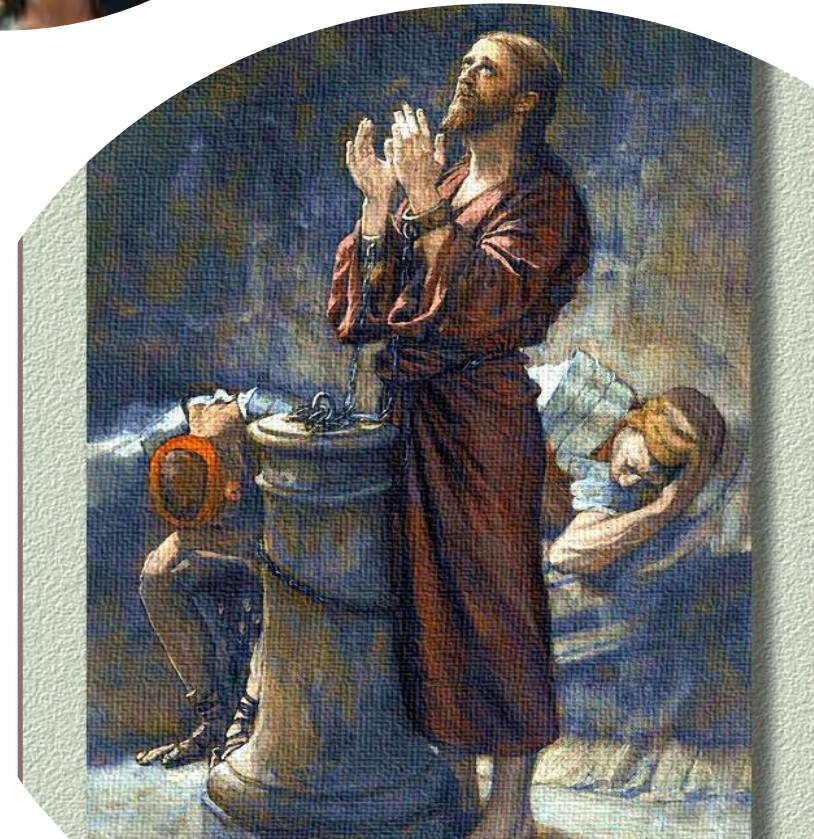


*The question is not whether
we are able to endure,
the question is whether
we are willing live in
His Empowering Presence
of Spirit, Word, and Prayer*



Be Filled with the Spirit

- *Stand up to opposition and obey Him fully*
- *Trust Him deeply in His sovereignty*
- *Endure joyfully and share the gospel faithfully*



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The Spirit Empowered Mission and Service



GO Be Spirit-Filled Bold Witnesses