

Can't Stop, Won't Stop

Acts 5:12–42

1. A Powerful & Public Church (Acts 5:12–16)

- The early church was marked by **God's power**, not their own ability.
- Every miracle, every life change, every moment of impact pointed back to _____.

👉 The church is only powerful when it depends on _____, not itself.

- Their faith wasn't hidden—it was **visible** and **public**.

👉 A hidden faith has **no impact**. A hidden faith is **not real faith**.

Personal Reflection: Where am I tempted to hide my faith? _____

2. Opposition Doesn't Stop the Mission (Acts 5:17–24)

- The apostles faced pressure, resistance, and opposition.
- The world still pressures us to:
 - Stay quiet
 - Blend in
 - Compromise truth

👉 Opposition is not a sign to _____.

👉 It's a call to stay _____.

- God didn't rescue them from the mission... He sent them **back into it**.

👉 Deliverance is not for **comfort**, it's for _____.

Key Thought: If God brought you through something, it's not so you can sit down—it's so you can step back into what He's called you to do.

3. Obedience Is Non-Negotiable (Acts 5:25–32)

“We must obey God rather than people.” (Acts 5:29)

- Following Jesus is not:
 - Part-time
 - Private only
 - Conditional

👉 Obedience to God is **not** _____.

- Silence and passivity may feel safe... but they are actually _____.

- 👉 If we don't speak, people don't _____.
- 👉 If we don't live it, people don't _____.

Heart Check: Is Jesus truly Lord of my life... or just someone I agree with?

4. Suffering Is Not Failure (Acts 5:33–41)

- The apostles were beaten, threatened, and shamed... and they **rejoiced**.

👉 Why? Because they were becoming more like _____.

- We may not face persecution like them, but we still face:
 - Pressure
 - Discomfort
 - Being misunderstood

👉 Suffering for Jesus is not loss—it is _____.

Key Truth: If following Jesus never costs us anything... we have to ask if we're really following Him.

5. They Never Stopped (Acts 5:42)

- Every day they kept going:
 - Teaching
 - Preaching
 - Loving
 - Serving

👉 You cannot stop what _____ has started. "If this is from God... you will not be able to overthrow it." (Acts 5:39)

- The gospel is still moving.
- Lives are still being changed.
- The church will not be stopped.

👉 The church is only stoppable if it **chooses to stop**.

Response

- Are we a growing church—not just in numbers, but in **spiritual life**?
- Are we:
 - Growing in likeness to Christ?
 - Growing in discipleship?
 - Moving or stagnant?
 - Taking the gospel outside the building?
 - Caring for people spiritually and practically?
- Where have you been silent?
- Where have you been shrinking back?
- Where have you chosen comfort over obedience?