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THE DEVIL CAN'T STOP REVIVAL | KEEP PUSHING FORWARD!

Scriptures for self-study

1. Forbidden but not shaken

Acts 4:18-20 NKJV

18 So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

2. Beaten but rejoicing and teaching

Acts 5:40-42 NKJV

40 And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. 42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

3. Persecution brought revival

Acts 7:59-60 NKJV

59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 8:1-4 NKJV

Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time, a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great

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Acts 8:1-4 NKJV (cont...)

lamentation over him.³ As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison. ⁴ Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

4. Stoned but strengthening others

Acts 14:19-22 NKJV

¹⁹ Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. ²⁰ However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

5. Danger could not deter Paul

Acts 20:23-24 NKJV

²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. ²⁴ But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

6. Arrested but still preaching (The Kingdom cannot be chained)

Acts 28:30-31 NKJV

³⁰ Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, ³¹ preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.



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1 Corinthians 16:9 NKJV

9 For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

7. Warfare but not defeated

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NKJV

8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

- Opposition is not a sign of failure its often a sign of effectiveness.
- The early church advance through fire not comfort.
- Persecution purified the church, those who stayed were truly committed.
- You do not need peace around you, to walk in peace within you.
- We must equip Christians with a bold spirit not just soft faith.
- You have everything in you that you need to win your battle. (You fight from victory not for victory.
- A church that is in revival has leaders that are bold, that do not bow their knees to persecution.
- Stop retreating when things get hard, advance anyway.
- Expect adversity but walk with authority.
- Revival comes with resistance, but you have the victory.

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