



“Cancel The Gag Order

1. READ

Scripture: Acts 4:1-8;17 New International Version (NIV)

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ² They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³ They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. ⁴ But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest’s family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?”

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people!

¹⁷ But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.”

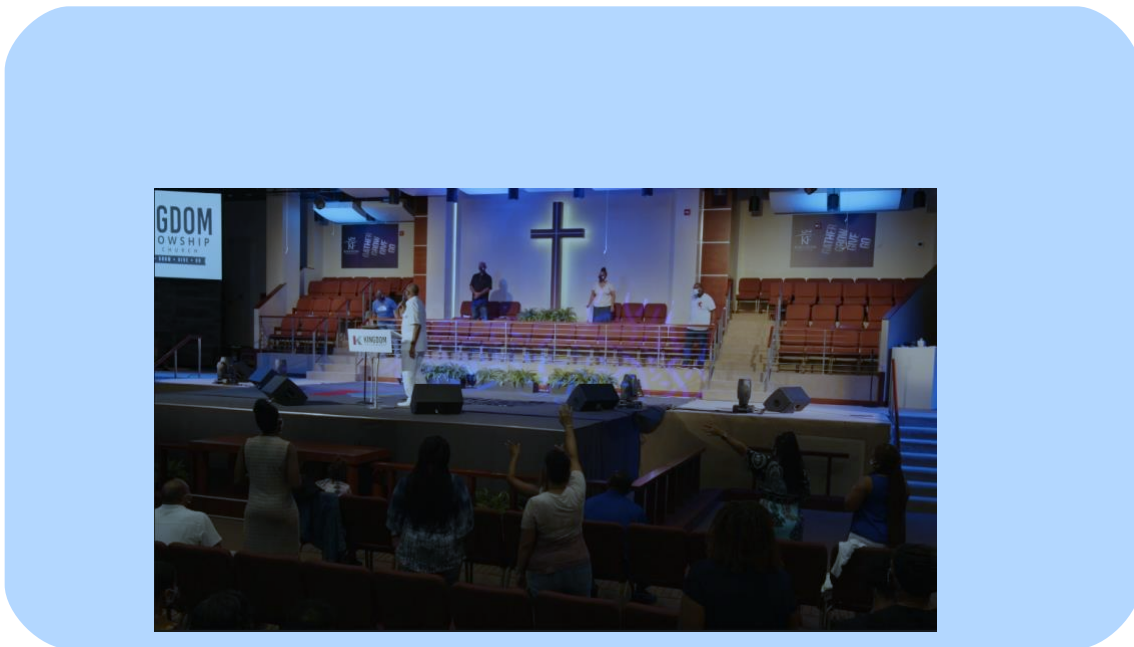




Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Acts 4; John 5: 1-11; Mark 5:21-43; 2 Corinthians 5:17

2. REFLECT

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As we continue in your August Preach Series this week, we have Rev. Dr. Lee P Washington as our guest preacher. Dr. Washington is the Pastor Emeritus of Reid Temple AME Church. Dr. Washington's sermon title is "Cancel The Gag Order," using Acts 4, verse 1 through verse 8, and verse 17 as well. Dr. Washington opens his sermon with the statement, "I Lee Paul Washington believe in the Power and Authority of Jesus Christ." This statement is made to allow us to understand from the beginning of the sermon that there is no other Name greater than the name of Jesus Christ. Dr. Washington tells us that there are 7.9 billion names used across the world. Our terms are there in that number, but none of these names can save us and keep us safe outside of the Name of Jesus. This brings us to the book of Acts and how you cannot read the book without understanding the Name of Jesus and all of the authority and power in that name.



Dr. Washington used this scripture of the Name who was healed through the Name of Jesus. In this scripture, Dr. Washington shares that this man was blind and no one else could heal him, but here comes the power and authority of Jesus. Dr. Washington lists the following scriptures as reasons why he is not surprised that the disciples could heal in the Name of Jesus because they were around during these moments;

- John 5: 1-11 (Healing at the pool)
- Mark 5:21-43 (Healing of the little girl)
- John 11: 38-44 (Healing of Lazarus)

They knew what the power and authority of Jesus could do. When the man was healed, he leaped and jumped up. When the man was healed, others saw him and remembered who he used to be. God has healed us and knows who we used to be as well, but we should praise Jesus in the midst of it all. As a result, the leaders wanted Peter and John to stop talking about the Name of Jesus. Dr. Washington here lists several scriptures to help us continue to lift us the Name of Jesus in all seasons.

Romans 8:28 ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^u have been called according to his purpose.

Ephesians 3:20 ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

***Isaiah 54:17 no weapon forged against you will prevail,
and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.
This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,
and this is their vindication from me,"
declares the LORD.***

Philippians 4:13 ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:19 ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Acts 4: 1 The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people.





We must continue to preach and share the Name of Jesus in every place and in every way no matter what others think, and they cannot Gag us we will speak up for Jesus the same way Peter and John in the scripture.





1. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- ï **When was the last time that some tried to have you be silent on the Name of Jesus?**
- ï **How can you encourage others to speak the Name of Jesus in their lives to others?**

Discussion Questions

- ï **What do you think the crowds said when they heard Peter and John continue to lift up the Name of Jesus even though they knew what it meant?**
- ï **Which of the extra scriptures listed by Dr. Washington stands out to you the most and why?**

