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Acts 5:12

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.

Acts 5:13

None of the rest
dared join them, but
the people held
them in high
esteem.



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Act 5:14

And more than ever
believers were
added to the Lord,
multitudes of both
men and women,

Acts 5:15

So that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.



Acts 2:41

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.



Acts 4:4

But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.



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Acts 5:14

And more than ever
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1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him



Acts 5:17

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy



Matthew 7:5

You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.



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Acts 5:18

...they arrested the
apostles and put
them in the
public prison.

Acts 5:17

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy



Acts 5:19

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



Acts 5:20


Go and stand in the
temple and speak to
the people all the
words of this Life

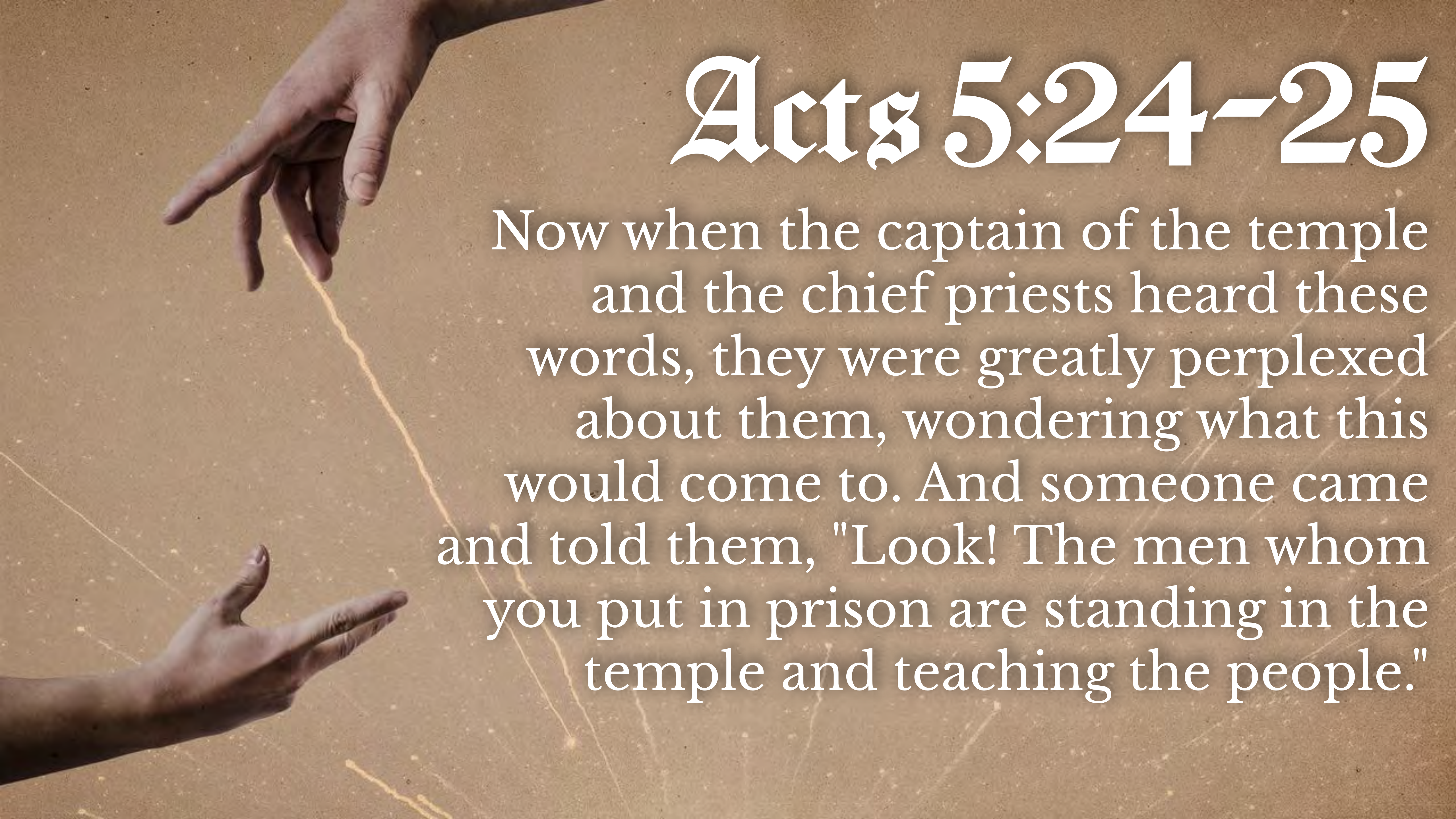




Principle 1:

*Stay Focused on God's
Purpose In Your Work*





Acts 5:24-25

Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people."

Acts 5:26

Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people



Acts 5:27-29

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council.

And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us."



Acts 5:29

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."






Principle 2:

*Stay Focused on God's
Power in Your Work*



Matthew 7:28-29

And it came to pass, when
Jesus had ended these
sayings, the people were
astonished at his doctrine:
For he taught them as [one]
having authority, and
not as the scribes



Acts 5:29

Then Peter and the
[other] apostles
answered and said,
We ought to obey
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Acts 5:34-35

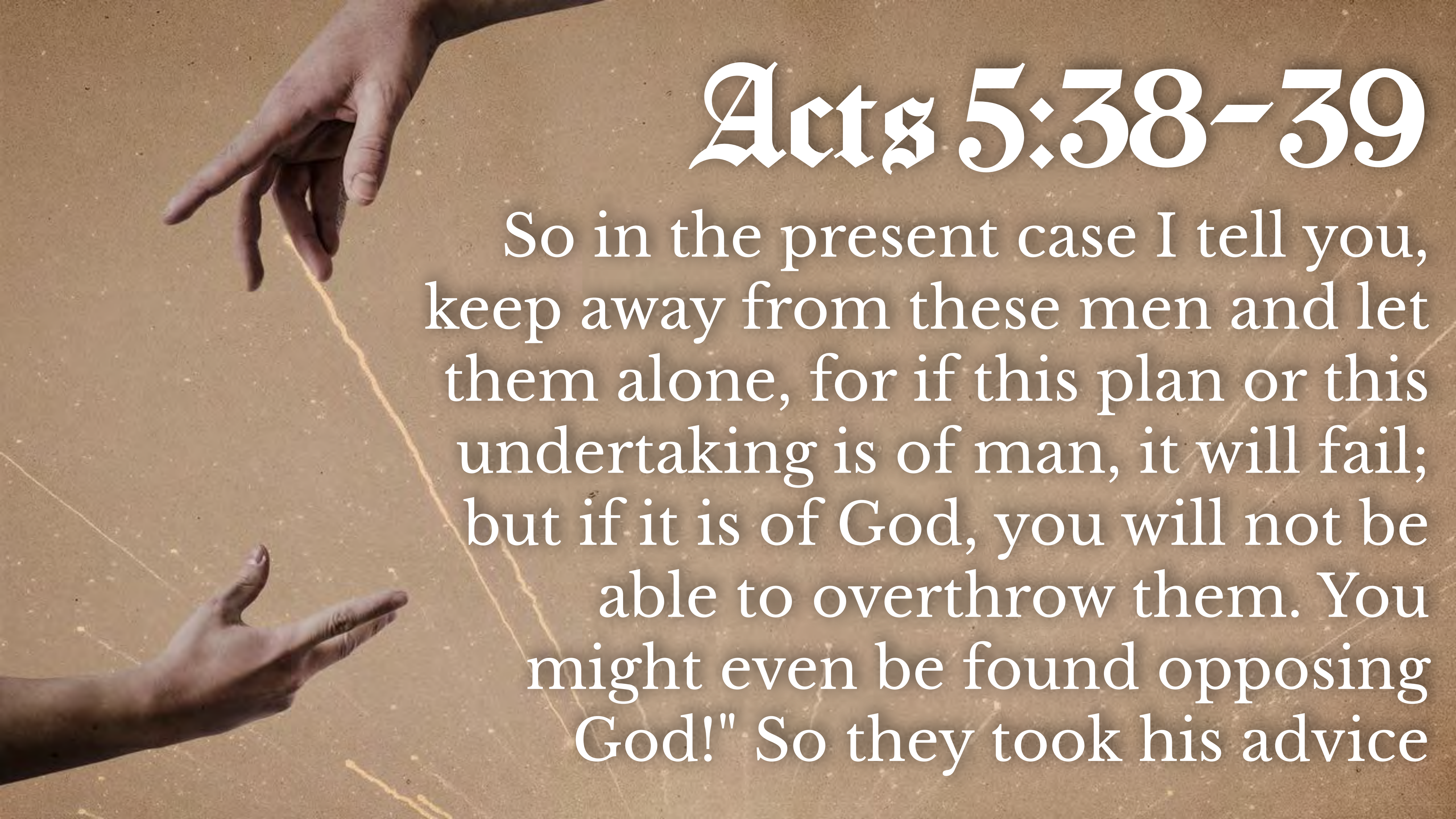
But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men."



Acts 5:36-37

For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered.



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Acts 5:38-39

So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice



Principle 3:

Stay Focused on God

Proving Your Work



John 8:2-3

And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them. 3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,



John 8:4-5

They say unto him, Master,
this woman was taken in
adultery, in the very Acts.

Now Moses in the law
commanded us, that such
should be stoned: but what
sayest thou?



John 8:6

This they said,
tempting him, that
they might have to
accuse him.



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John 8:6

But Jesus stooped
down, and with
[his] finger wrote
on the ground

John 8:6

Jesus stooped down,
and with his finger
wrote on the ground,
as though he heard
them not.



Proverbs 17:28

Even a fool who keeps
silent is considered
wise; when he
closes his lips, he is
deemed intelligent.





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