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Sermon: Faithful Presence

Scripture: Acts 5:27-42

Responses to culture

1. Defensive against
2. Relevant to
3. Purity from
4. Faithful presence within

Acts 5:27-29

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, 28 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.” 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.”

Becoming a faithful presence means **obeying God's word over man's.**

Acts 5:30-33

The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. 31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” 33 When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

Becoming a faithful presence means **engaging culture in bold witness.**

Acts 5:40-42

40 His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 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.

Becoming a faithful presence means **rejoicing in disgrace, not rejecting it.**

What next step is God calling you to take in becoming a faithful presence in those around you?