

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 1-18-26
Christianity 103 – Message 5 Part 4
Go, take your stand.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) God was enabling the Apostles to do many signs and wonders.
- 2) We looked at Paul's counsel to the church for today from Ephesians 4:11.
 - a) Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers.
- 3) We asked the question, "Does God perform miracles today"? Absolutely!
- 4) As you read this, you can see that Christianity was so real, so respected, as God was working in and through His church that those who were not a believer would not dare to pretend to be a believer.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) The Church is growing. People are being healed.
- 2) While the Church is celebrating, they cannot lower their guard for a moment.

2. Ready to go to jail? Acts 5:17

a. This band of religious leaders is upset.

- 1) Verse 17 –
 - a) "filled with indignation" – means they were overflowing with jealousy.
- 2) There are other reasons that fueled their jealousy.
- 3) They were blinded by their own ambition and selfishness; they could not see the truth.

b. Verse 18 –

- 1) They had the authority to take these men and cast them into prison.
 - a) The common prison would be like our public jail today.
- 2) Application – Would you have been ready for such a turn of events?
- 3) This is the second time these men have been called to account and threatened for following Jesus.
 - a) Why would a Christian be obedient to do something they know is going to cost them something they do not want to pay?

c. Verses 19-20 –

- 1) What do you see?
 - a) God had different plans for these men.
- 2) The angel of the Lord broke them out of the common prison.
 - a) "Go, take your stand..."
- 3) They obeyed knowing they would be found in the Temple preaching truth.

d. Verse 21 –

- 1) They went to the Temple early in the morning.
- 2) The high priest, the council and all the senate had gathered for this meeting.
 - a) The High Priest was the chief religious leader over the Sanhedrin.
 - b) The Council was the Sanhedrin. The supreme Jewish judicial and administrative body.
 - c) "All the senate of the children of Israel" – while this could refer to the council it is also thought to include other prominent and influential leaders and elders of Israel.

e. Verse 22 –

- 1) The officers return with their report.

f. Verse 23 –

- 1) The prison was safely locked up and the keepers by the doors but no one in the cells.

g. Verse 24 –

- 1) These leaders are not only perplexed, but worried.
 - a) They were worried that the message would continue.
 - b) They were worried about what the people would think and do.
 - c) They were worried about their own authority.

h. Verse 25 –

- 1) Their worry turns to anger.

i. Verse 26 –

- 1) They go and get the Apostles.

j. Verse 27 –

- 1) They are now before this council.

k. Verse 28 –

- 1) Let's break down this verse:
 - a) "Did not we straitly command you" – Whose authority are they following?
 - b) "Ye should not teach in this name" – Whose message are they sharing?
 - c) "Ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine" – Fulfilling the Great Commission.
 - d) "Intend to bring this man's blood upon us" – Was this fear? Guilt?

l. Verse 29 –

- 1) "We ought to obey God rather than men."

3. Today's Take Away:

a. "We ought to obey God rather than men."

- 1) God's Word versus the culture –
- 2) Standing up in the workplace/school –
- 3) Sharing the Gospel versus remaining quiet -