The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide

October 25, 2026

I. A Call to Worship

For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and His faithfulness continues to each generation. Psalm 100:5 (NLT)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

A Home for the Nations

> As an Oaks church family, God has called us to be a home for the nations. He has called u together from every tribe, tongue, and nation. Our multi-cultural church family displays the beauty of His Kingdom. Together, we are growing a home for all nations.

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. Revelation 7:9 (NIV)

III. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. I Peter 4:10 (NLT)



IV. Unlocked Doors and Unshakable Conviction
Pastor Terry Morrow

“Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ‘Go, stand in the temple courts,’ he said, ‘and tell the people all about this new life.’ At daybreak, they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.” Acts 5:17-21

God’s goal for our lives is rarely our temporary comfort; it is our spiritual maturity and our witness.

Freedom in Christ isn't an invitation to run away from hard environments—it’s the strength to stand gracefully right in the middle of them.

“When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, ‘We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.’ Upon hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were thoroughly perplexed, wondering what this would lead to.” Acts 5:21b-26

“The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,’ he said. ‘Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and have made us guilty of this man’s blood.’ Peter and the other apostles replied: ‘We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.’” Acts 5:27-32

When human authority demands that we betray divine truth, our allegiance belongs to God.

How do we live out Acts 5 in our everyday lives?

1. Expect Friction, but Don't Create It Unnecessarily

Let the truth of Jesus be the only thing that offends—never our attitude or poor communication.

2. Look for Open Doors in Closed Places

3. Anchor Your Identity in Whose You Are

When you know that Jesus has conquered death, forgiven your sins, and given you His Spirit, you no longer have to live in fear of what others think of you.

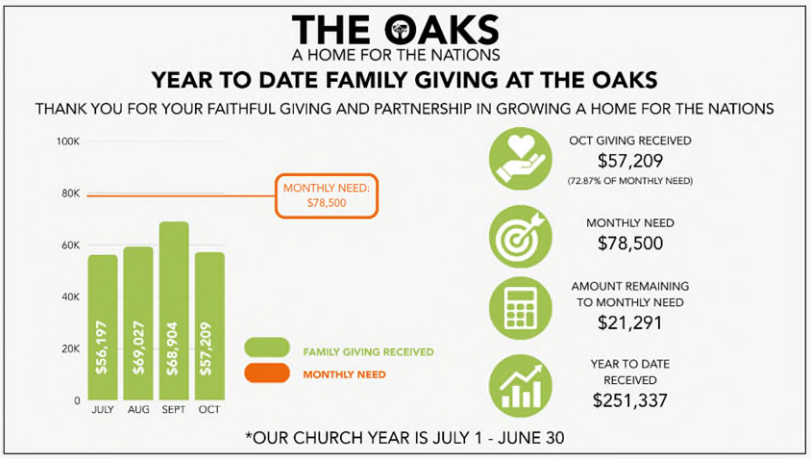
You are free to love people deeply and follow God faithfully.

Community Group Questions

Read Together: Acts 5:17–32

1. Read Acts 5:17–18. Why do you think following God sometimes brings challenges instead of comfort?
2. Read Acts 5:19–21. What can we learn from the apostles' willingness to obey God despite the risks?
3. Read Acts 5:22–26. Is there an area of your life where you need to release control and trust God?
4. Read Acts 5:27–29. What makes it difficult to stand firm in your faith when others disagree?
5. Read Acts 5:30–31. How can we speak God's truth with both courage and grace?
6. Read Acts 5:32. How does the Holy Spirit help us remain faithful when facing opposition?
7. Read Proverbs 29:25. How can we overcome the fear of others' opinions and find our confidence in God?

Closing Question: Where is God asking you to choose obedience over comfort and trust Him even when the doors seem closed?



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