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BIG IDEA: The Spirit-filled Church is bold in **MISSION** and serious about **HOLINESS**

## A miraculous act that advances the Gospel

Acts 2:43, 47, 3:1-4:4

- Peter heals a man born lame **IN JESUS' NAME**
- Peter takes the **OPPORTUNITY** to point to God's glory and story of salvation
- Peter's arrest does not stop the growth of the Church: **2,000** are saved in one day

## Peter and John set the example in **OBEDIENCE** to God

Acts 4:5-22

- Peter gives all the credit to Jesus Christ
- The Sanhedrin warn them "*not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus*" (v.v. 18)
- Peter and John "*cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard*" (v.v. 20)

## Amid opposition the Church chooses...

Acts 4:23-37

- Prayer and **BOLDNESS**
- **UNITY** and openhandedness

## God exposes hidden unholiness

Acts 5:1-11

- Ananias and Sapphira lie to the **HOLY SPIRIT**
- The Holy Spirit brings **JUDGMENT**
- Peter and the Church take sin and God's holiness **SERIOUSLY**

## The Church moves forward – **REJOICING** through opposition

Acts 5:12-42



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## WHY does it matter/**WHAT** does it mean for me?

### 1. Are you willing to take God **SERIOUSLY**?

- Faith-filled followers **FEAR AND TRUST** God and God's Word more than anything else  
*Proverbs 1:7, 3:5-6; Acts 5:11*
- Private **SIN** and **HYPOCRISY** weaken your public witness  
*Proverbs 28:13, 10:9*
- Courageously confess and repent any sin you are **HIDING** to God and other Christians  
*1 John 1:9-10; James 5:16*
- Christ-followers are called to live **HOLY** lives  
*Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:15-16*

### 2. Whose **NAME** are you living for?

- Take your next **OPPORTUNITY** to speak boldly about Jesus Christ  
*Ephesians 5:15-17; Colossians 4:5-6; Acts 4:19-20, 29*
- The Biblical perspective is that facing opposition for the Name of Jesus Christ is an opportunity for **JOY**  
*Acts 5:41; 1 Peter 4:13; Hebrews 11; James 1:2-4*
- Repent of living for your own name and exalt God as your **HIGHEST PRIORITY**  
*Acts 3:19; Matthew 6:33; Exodus 20:3; Matthew 22:37*

#### Memory Verse:

*But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."*  
Acts 4:19-20 ESV

#### Recommended Resources:

[Carry My Load Message](#)

[The Church is Born \(Acts 2\) Message](#)

#### My next step today is to...

- Memorize Acts 4:19-20
- Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- Go public as a follower of Jesus and get baptized
- Read Acts chapter 3-5 this week
- Check out the Sunday Extra Podcast to go deeper with the discussion on Acts
- Donate to or volunteer at the Treasure Trove
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