



"Gimme Some Truth"

Acts 5:17-42
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The Big Idea: The Christian is a person that knows the truth because they know the Lord Jesus Christ. When we lay our lives down for the Lord Jesus Christ, that means that we must put to death sinful desires such as pride, jealousy, and self-promotion. A Christian is one that suffers well when they embrace the truth that has been entrusted to them.

Acts 5:17-23

¹⁷ "But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They laid hands on the apostles and put them in a public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said, ²⁰ "Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life. ²¹ Upon hearing *this*, they entered into the temple about daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest and his associates came, they called the Council together, even all the Senate of the sons of Israel, and sent orders to the prison house for them to be brought. ²² But the officers who came did not find them in the prison; and they returned and reported back, ²³ saying, "We found the prison house locked quite securely and the guards standing at the doors; but when we had opened up, we found no one inside."

Jealous of the Truth

- Jealousy is what motivated the Sadducees to arrest the apostles.
- The Sadducees were jealous that Christ was being exalted instead of them.
- Are you jealous for your own name's sake? Or do you recognize that glory belongs to Another?
- Don't get caught up in the applause that belongs to Christ alone.
- You have worth because God has given it to you.

Boldness to Proclaim the Truth

- After their escape, the apostles went straight back to preaching.
- The apostles did not soften the message to appease the crowds.
 - Don't soften the truth to sell the truth.
- Far too many believe that the world can be saved by coddling them to the cross.
- The battle cry of the bold Christian is Psalm 118:6.

Suffering Well for the Truth

- The apostles rejoiced because they were able to suffer for Christ.
- Bold Christians suffer well because suffering makes them like their Savior.
- Suffering serves a purpose.
- Christians do not just endure through suffering; they rejoice going through it.

Coming Close to the Truth

- Gamaliel was an extremely well-respected rabbi.
- Christians have been despised by the world for centuries and yet they have thrived in spite of opposition.
- What we see in the example of Gamaliel is that it is possible to come close to the truth and miss it.
- It is not enough to hear the truth, you must believe it is true and act accordingly.
 - Don't process the information but fail to act on it.

"I am not a hero, but in Christ I am not afraid of what man may do to me. The fates of hell cannot prevail against the ongoing march of victory of the Christ to whom all power in heaven and on earth is given."

-Cornelius Van Til