



Acts 5:12-42

Church Shouldn't Be Boring

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Many signs and wonders were being done among the people **through the hands of the apostles**. They were all together in Solomon's Colonnade. - Acts 5:12

When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the town, brought bulls and wreaths to the gates because he intended, with the crowds, to offer sacrifice. - Acts 14:11-13

And now, Lord, consider their threats, and grant that your servants may speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out **your hand** for healing, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." - Acts 4:29-30

V. 12: God works His power through His _____ and through their _____.

Why don't we see signs and wonders being performed in the church today like they were in the book of Acts?

- 1) Miracles served a special function in Jesus' ministry and in the apostle's ministry.
- 2) We don't pray for miracles that much.
- 3) We don't preach Jesus' name enough.

A woman suffering from bleeding for twelve years, who had spent all she had on doctors and yet could not be healed by any, approached from behind and touched the end of his robe. Instantly her bleeding stopped. - Luke 8:43-44

In addition, a multitude came together **from the towns surrounding Jerusalem**, bringing the sick and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. - Acts 5:16

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..."
- Matthew 28:19a

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and **to the ends of the earth**." - Acts 1:8

Then the high priest rose up. He and all who were with him, who belonged to the party of the Sadducees, were filled with **jealousy**. - Acts 5:17

"He must increase, but I must decrease." - John 3:30

V. 21: Use whatever _____ God gives you to do _____ in your life.

The Gospel in Acts 5:30-32

- V. 30: Jesus died on a cross.
- V. 30: Jesus was raised to life from the dead.
- V. 31: Jesus is God (exalted to God's right hand).
- V. 31: There is repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus.
- V. 32: This isn't a fairy-tale that man made up. There were eyewitnesses.
- V. 32: You can have the Holy Spirit if you believe Jesus.

Then they went out from the presence of the Sanhedrin, **rejoicing that they were counted worthy to be treated shamefully on behalf of the Name**. - Acts 5:41

V. 41: There is a _____ in Christ that can only be experienced through _____ for Him.

What's the connection between suffering and joy?

- 1) There can be joy connected to suffering for Jesus' Name because now I can understand what He went through to a greater degree.
- 2) There can be joy connected to suffering for Jesus' Name because it validates our faith in Him.

“Remember the word I spoke to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.” - John 15:20

- 3) There can be joy connected to suffering for Jesus' Name because I can experience the presence of Jesus in a special way only through suffering for Him.

“My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection **and the fellowship of his sufferings...**” - Philippians 3:10a

“The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—**if indeed we suffer with him** so that we may also be glorified with him.” - Romans 8:16-17