



Obeying the Holy Spirit

(Acts 5:17-42)

Questions: Week Twelve

The Apostles Persecuted - [Acts 5:17-42](#)

Topics: [Angels](#), [God](#), [Good News](#), [Holy Spirit](#), [Jealousy](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Joy](#), [Leadership](#), [Miracles](#), [Obedience](#), [People](#), [Persecution](#), [Perseverance](#), [Punishment](#)

Open It

1. What was the most fearful experience you ever had?
2. When was the last time you felt intimidated by an individual or group of people?
3. *What bullies do you remember from grade school?

Explore It

4. Why were the religious leaders opposed to the apostles? ([5:17](#))
5. What happened when the Christians were put in jail? ([5:18-19](#))
6. What did the angel tell the apostles to do? ([5:20](#))
7. When did the apostles start teaching? ([5:21](#))
8. What did the elders of Israel discover after they met together? ([5:21-24](#))
9. How were the apostles brought before the Sanhedrin? ([5:25-27](#))
10. How had the apostles disobeyed the council? ([5:28](#))
11. Why did the high priest avoid mentioning the name of Jesus? ([5:28](#))
12. What reason did the apostles give for their disobedience? ([5:29](#))
13. *What made the Jewish elders furious? ([5:29-32](#))
14. *Who intervened on behalf of Peter and the others? How? ([5:34-39](#))
15. How did Gamaliel intervene? ([5:34-39](#))
16. What advice did Gamaliel offer the council? ([5:38-39](#))
17. What effect did Gamaliel's speech have? ([5:40](#))

18. *How did the elders deal with the apostles? ([5:40](#))
19. What did the apostles do after they left the Sanhedrin? ([5:41-42](#))

Get It

20. What might make someone jealous of a church leader?
21. If the government told you that you could not pray, show your Bible, or talk about God in public, what would you do?
22. Would you describe your church as courageous, timid, or somewhere in between? Why?
23. *What forms of opposition do Christians experience today?
24. *For what principles should a Christian stand at all costs?
25. If Peter were your pastor, what do you think your church would be like?
26. If you had to go through the sufferings of the apostles, how would you cope?
27. How is it possible to have joy in the middle of a difficult circumstance?
28. What should we copy from the character and example of Peter?
29. How can you become more like Peter in your witness for Christ?
30. How can you experience God more fully, so that you are set free to rejoice no matter what sufferings you experience?

Apply It

31. *What do you want to remember the next time you are challenged or hurt for your faith in Christ?
32. In what situations can you serve as a witness for Christ this week? How?