

ON THE MOVE

A JOURNEY THROUGH ACTS

WEEK FIVE: WHAT GOD STARTS, NO ONE STOPS

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(CSB) Acts 5:29-42

Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than people. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had murdered by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted this man to his right hand as ruler and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Gamaliel’s Advice

33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law who was respected by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered the men[a] to be taken outside for a little while. 35 He said to them, “Men of Israel, be careful about what you’re about to do to these men. 36 Some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a group of about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, and all his followers were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After this man, Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and attracted a following. He also perished, and all his followers were scattered. 38 So in the present case, I tell you, stay away from these men and leave them alone. For if this plan or this work is of human origin, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You may even be found fighting against God.” They were persuaded by him. 40 After they called in the apostles and had them flogged, they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. 41 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.[b] 42 Every day in the temple, and in various homes, they continued teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

(NLT) Matthew 16:18

18 Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’),[a] and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell[b] will not conquer it.

(CSB) Acts 1:8

8 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.”

Jesus says: I will build my church. You will receive power through the Holy Spirit, and you will take my message to the ends of the earth.

Choose obedience over applause

Push through the pushback

Trust God is still moving

Hold on to your joy

Keep sharing Jesus

When God moves, there's resistance. When there's resistance, God moves.

(NLT) Philippians 1:6

6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

“We follow the risen Savior, and we get to share His message that actually changes lives. If God called you into a ministry area, embrace it. If God is working in your relationships, stay faithful. If God has shown you a promise from His Word, rest in it, and in Him. The same Spirit who moved in the early church moves in His followers today. Yes, resistance is real. Hard times are real. But no bad news, money trouble, health crisis, or spiritual attack can take away a victory God has already won. Walk with humble confidence and a clear purpose. Love God, love your neighbor, and never forget: what God starts, nobody stops.”