

Unstoppable
Acts 5:17-42
March 7th, 2021

Getting to Know You

1. Have you ever been in a situation where circumstances were out of your control and couldn't be stopped? How did you feel or experience those circumstances?
2. In your current state of life (work, family, etc.) what word describes you: Courageous or fearful? Why?

Digging Deeper

1. Read Acts 5:12-42. How and why do the high priest and the Sadducees react to what was happening (5:17-28)?
2. The angel told the apostles to go take their stand in the temple and speak (5:20). From the very beginning, the apostolic faith has been something that demands to be explained, that needs to be taught. Without words to guide it, our faith can lose often lose it's way. Speaking or preaching (the gospel) was one of the two primary tasks to which the apostles were called, the other being prayer. When have you found the need to explain your faith?
3. How do the apostles respond to what was demanded by the Jewish leaders?
4. Is Gamaliel's analysis and counsel in 5:33-39 correct or not? Explain.
5. The church can never anticipate who will suddenly speak up for our right to exist and to preach and teach about Jesus. Our job is to be faithful and, when a clash comes, to obey God rather than human authorities. What would such faithfulness look like for you and your Christian community?

Take Away

1. Am I living consistently in view of what I know about Christ?
2. Am I living a life that is in accord with what I am learning in the Scriptures?
3. Am I refusing to do what I know he wants?
4. Am I refusing to share my faith because of fear of rejection or appearing unintellectual or uncultured or any other reason?

Prayer