

Acts 4:23 – 5:16

What Would You Do if You Were  
Ordered Not to Speak the  
Truths of God's Word?

# Review

## **Acts 1—Promise?**

The apostles waiting for the Holy Spirit  
Power to be His witnesses

## **Acts 2—Pentecost**

120 filled with Holy Spirit [1:15]

Bewildered, amazed, marveled, perplexed  
3,000 saved [2:41]

# Review

**Acts 3**—Healing the Lame Man

The name of Jesus Christ [6, 16]

**Acts 4**—Peter and John's Message

5,000 men saved

# Acts 4:23-31

Peter and John released

Reported to their companions what happened

All praised God and made a request in prayer

# Acts 4:23-31

## Praise

God created all

Holy Spirit spoke through David

Part of Psalm 2

Fulfillment of Psalm 2 [27]

God is in complete control [28]

# Acts 4:23-31

## Request

God take note of Council's threats

Asked Him to grant them

confidence/boldness as they speak His word

Peter had been doing that since the Holy Spirit had come upon them in Acts 2

# Acts 4:23-31

## Request

The other apostles had also been speaking [2:42; 4:1]

God—heal

Do signs/wonders in Jesus' name

# Acts 4:23-31

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Lessons regarding our prayers?

# Acts 4:32-37

## Unity

Believers were of one heart and soul

They shared everything

## *John 17:20-26*

Jesus prayed before He was arrested,  
tried and crucified

# Acts 4:32-37

## *Unity, John 17:20-26*

His prayer was for His apostles

And for those who would believe in  
Him through the apostles' word about  
Him

He prayed that they would all be one

# Acts 4:32-37

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Example of unity and love

*John 13:1, 34-35; 15:12-13*

Jesus loved His disciples

Love one another

Laying down your life for another—  
great love

# Acts 4:32-37

Example of this love

*1 John 3:13-18*

Lay down your life for another

How one knows he has truly believed and has eternal life

Shown in part by providing for one another's needs

Loving in deed and in truth

# Acts 4:32-37

## Unity and Love

Do we follow Jesus' example in loving one another?

How does our church do?

Theme for Chapter 4?

Peter/John jailed; witnessed before Council; report to companions

# Acts 5:1-11

## Connection to Chapter 4:

Apostles testifying with great power  
about Jesus' resurrection [Acts 1:8]

People were selling their property

Giving the money to the apostles

To be distributed to any who had need

# Acts 5:1-11

**Connection to Chapter 4:**

One man who did that was a Levite  
from Cyprus

Joseph, also called Barnabas (by the  
apostles)—Son of Encouragement

# Acts 5:1-11

Connection to Chapter 4:

BUT...

Ananias and Sapphira are contrasted with Barnabas

They also sold property

BUT kept some of the price

Gave the rest to the apostles

# Acts 5:1-11

## Ananias and Sapphira

Said they gave full amount to apostles

Lied about the price

Satan filled Ananias' heart to lie to the Holy Spirit

# Acts 5:1-11

## Ananias and Sapphira

Holy Spirit was in the apostles

Ananias lied to them

Thus lied to the Holy Spirit

Text does not refer to A&S as believers

# Acts 5:1-11

## Ananias and Sapphira

*John 8:44*

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## Ananias and Sapphira

Ananias breathed his last

Fear came over all who heard about it

About three hours later the same  
happened to his wife

Acts 5:1-11

Ananias and Sapphira

Should people fear lying to God now?

# Acts 5:12-16

## Apostles

Many signs/wonders were taking place  
[4:29-30]

All with one accord in Solomon's portico  
Where Peter witnessed after lame man  
healed [Acts 3]

# Acts 5:12-16

## Apostles

The Lord was adding multitudes to the believers

**BUT...**

Others did not dare join them

**ALTHOUGH...**they held the church in high esteem

Likely because of what happened to A&S

# Acts 5:12-16

Apostles signs/wonders

*Acts 2:37-41, 47 and 4:4*

The Lord is the one who added those  
being saved

He calls to Himself and saves

# Acts 5:12-16

## Apostles signs/wonders

Healing was taking place even when Peter's shadow fell on some

Unclean spirits were coming out of people also

People were coming from cities outside, but in the vicinity of, Jerusalem