

God's "Un-jail-able" Word (11/5/23)

Main Verses: Acts 5:17-21

Key Verse: Acts 5:17-21

'Takeaway': While people (even powerful people) cannot ultimately stop the spread of God's word, God encourages us to not let fear of others keep his word captive in our own hearts.



Getting Started: Have you ever been so afraid of something that it kept you from doing what you needed/wanted to do?

READ Acts 5:17-21 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Why was the high priest jealous of the apostles?
- How did they get out of prison?
- What are the "words of this Life"?

Elementary:

- Why were the high priest and the Sadducees jealous of them? Why had they put them in prison?
- What did the angel of the Lord tell them to do when he opened the prison doors? How do you think they might have felt about this after being put in prison?
- What were they told to share? Why would that help them to not be afraid to share it?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

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- The high priest was concerned with keeping his own power, not with advancing the kingdom of God.
- The angel of the Lord released them from prison and told them to share the good news about Jesus with those around them.
- Even though they might have been afraid of being put back in prison, they took comfort knowing that God was standing with them and would help them as they shared his word.

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

Toddler/PreK:

Talk to God; thank him that he is always with us. Thank him that he stands with us and helps us as we share his word. Ask God to help you learn more about him as you grow and ask him to show you how to share his love with those around you.

Elementary:

Talk to God; thank him that he is always with those who have placed their faith in him through Jesus. Thank God that he stands with us and helps us as we share his word, even when we are afraid. Ask him to show you how to share his love with those around you as you continue to grow in your knowledge and love for him.