

“WE OVERWHELMINGLY CONQUER”

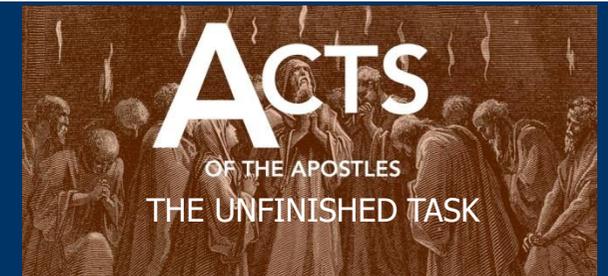
(Acts 5:12-42)

Expository Sermon of Acts - Sermon 12

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INTRODUCTION:

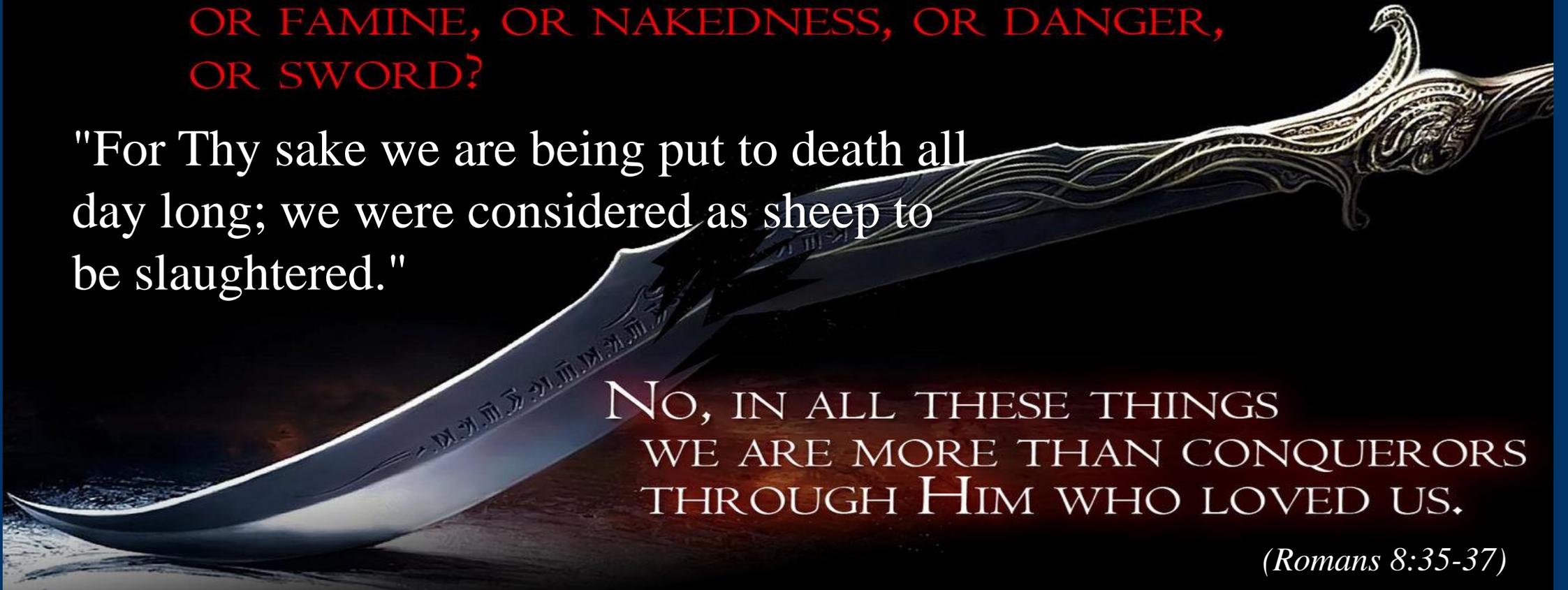
WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST?

SHALL TRIBULATION, OR DISTRESS, OR PERSECUTION,
OR FAMINE, OR NAKEDNESS, OR DANGER,
OR SWORD?

"For Thy sake we are being put to death all day long; we were considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

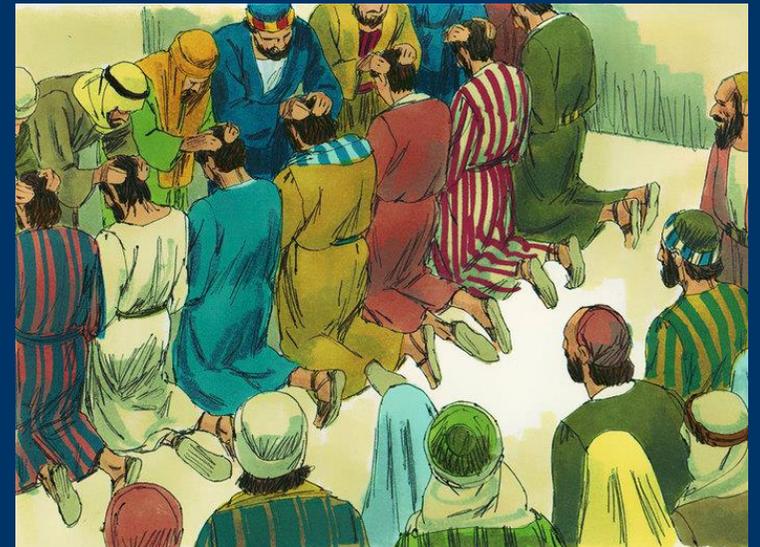
NO, IN ALL THESE THINGS
WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS
THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US.

(Romans 8:35-37)



I. POWER ON THE PORCH

*Acts 5:14 Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. **15** As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. **16** Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.*



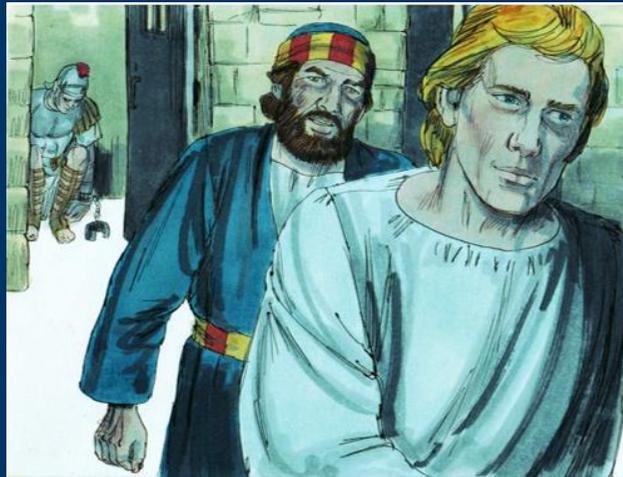
II. JOY IN THE JAIL

Acts 5:17 Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. **18** They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail



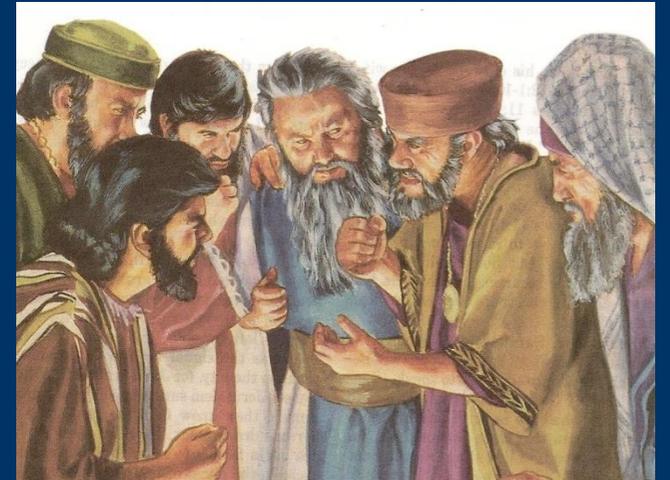
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Acts 5:19 *But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. **20** "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."*



III. TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE

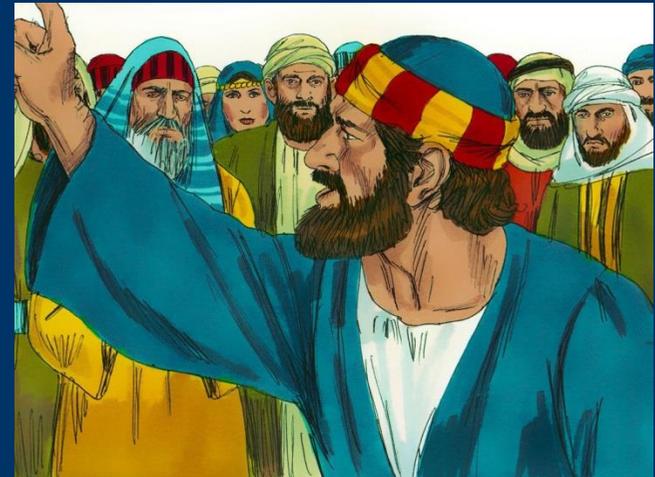
Acts 5:21b When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. **22** But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, **23** “We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.”



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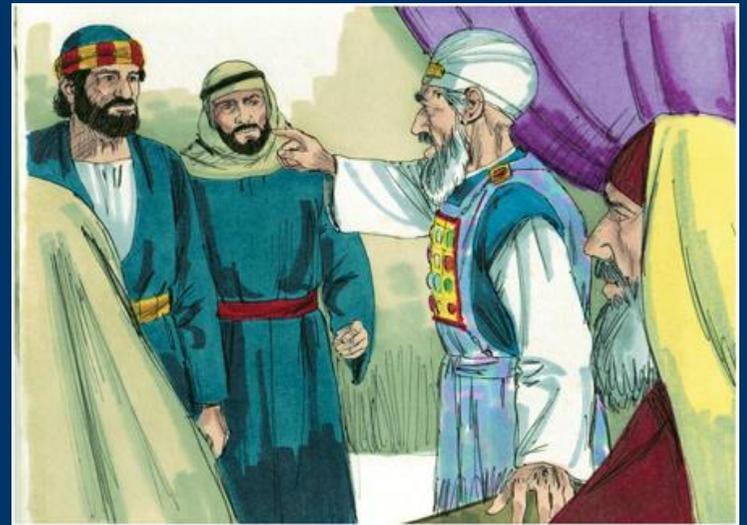
Acts 5:24 *On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.*

Acts 5:25b *"Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people."*



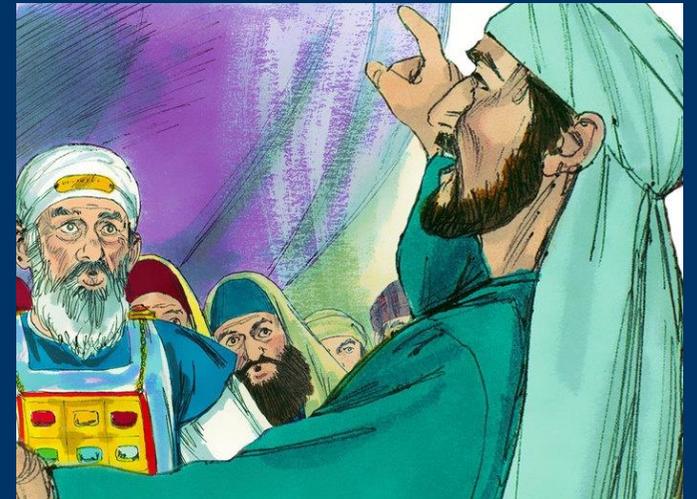
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Acts 5:28 "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."



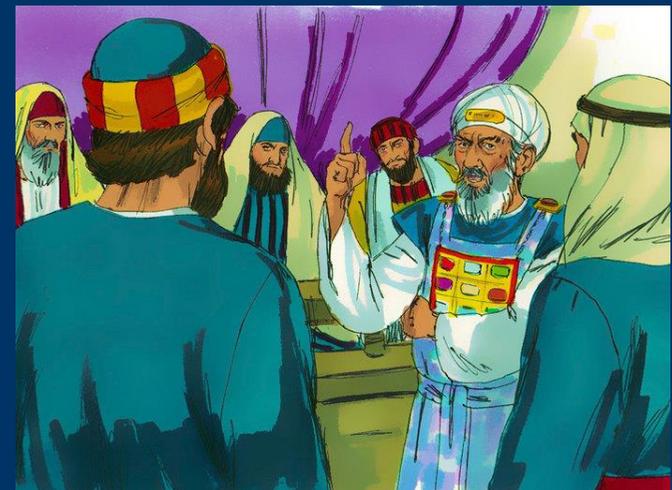
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Acts 5:29b "We must obey God rather than human beings! **30**
The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom
you killed by hanging him on a cross. **31** God exalted him to
his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring
Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. **32** We are
witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom
God has given to those who obey him."



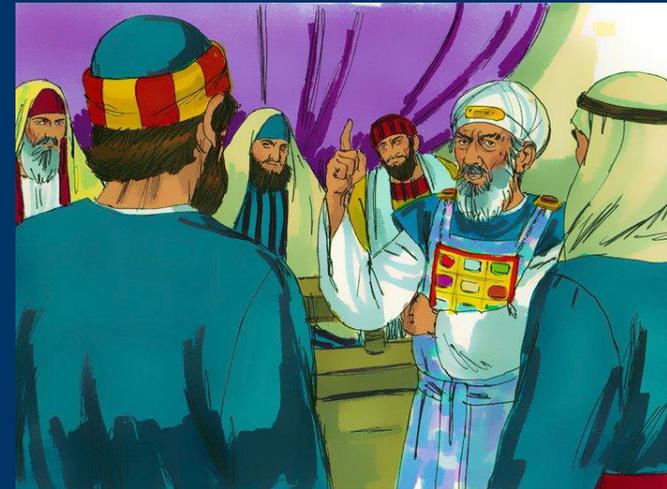
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Acts 5:35 Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. ³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered.



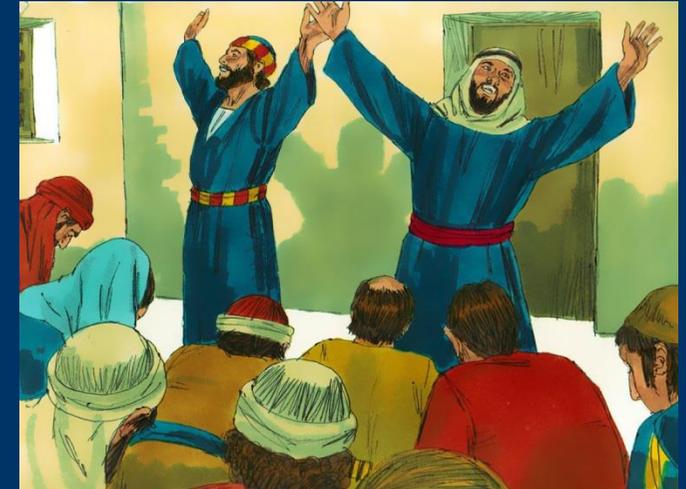
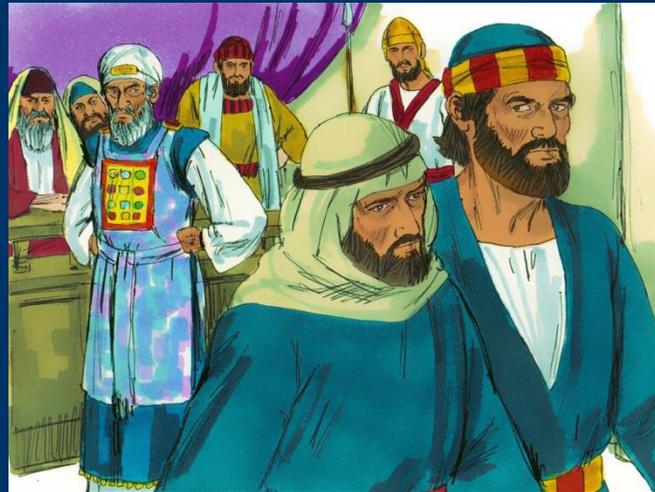
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Acts 5:38 Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. **39** But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."



V. SHARING IN THE STREETS

Acts 5:41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.



CONCLUSION:



As a Christian you've been the target of ridicule or reproach. You, too, can overwhelmingly conquer when you remember two principles.

1) Opposition may mean you're in God's will, not out of it.

3) Determination will mean you'll have to stand against man's opinion, rather than with it.





CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What is your first response when you are told that "We are more than conqueror?" Why are there so many Christian who lived a life that doesn't reflect the image?*
- 2. How effective was the Apostles public ministry of healing? What role does miracle play in the early church?*
- 3. Why were the religious leader so eager to arrest and put the Apostles in jail?*
- 4. Why were the apostles so eager to return to the temple and began teaching with renewed fervor after their release?*
- 5. Where did Peter find strength to continue witnessing for Christ after being whipped for speaking about Christ?*



Scripture References:

Acts 5:12-42