

ACTS

About That Life

Acts 5:17-42

What Spiritual Warfare Looks Like:

"Many signs and wonders ..."

"More than ever believers were added ... multitudes of men and women"

"The sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits were all healed."

And then ...

The religious leadership, "filled with jealousy arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison."

But God ...

During the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Being Faithful to *The Life* in the Face of Persecution:

Settle first the issue of _____.

There may come a time where I am faced with a choice: _____ or _____.

My allegiance will be tested.

The question will be, "Is this really my _____?"

Be _____ for persecution.

It is _____ for the _____. (2 Timothy 3:12)

It is _____ to God's _____. (Acts 8:1)

It is _____ for the _____. (John 15:1-2)

The 'Gamaliel Test'

"... keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them."

This is not the first religious "movement". These aren't the first devoted "disciples".

Let's give it _____ and look for _____ that these people are "real".

Don't always expect _____, but always commit to _____.

And don't _____!

"... they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus."

3 Big Reasons:

- 1) Gamaliel's question has already been answered.
- 2) Jesus is my _____.
- 3) This is my _____!