



Acts 29

Witness

Devoted Witnesses Obey God

Acts 5:12-42

MBC Vision Emphasis 2024

**Be an Acts 29 Witness
through spirit filled devotion to Scripture,
community, prayer, & outreach.**



Reconstructed Picture



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**Devoted witnesses obey Christ's
Call rather than the world's call when the
two collide.**

AUTHENTICATION OF GOSPEL TRUTH

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.

¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,
¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon **their threats** and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” Acts 4:29–30

ATTACK ON GOSPEL MINISTRY

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.

¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,²⁰“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. ...

²³“We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.”²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to.

²⁵And someone came and told them,
“Look! The men whom you put in prison
are standing in the temple and teaching
the people.” ²⁶Then the captain with the
officers went and brought them, but not
by force, for they were afraid of being
stoned by the people.

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them,²⁸saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.”

PROCLAMATION OF THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29

But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, ²⁰ for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:19-20

³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them.

³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while.³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men.³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.

³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered.³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail;³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice,

PERSISTENCE OF PROCLAMATION

⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles,
they beat them and charged them not to
speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

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⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.



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