

Sharing Your Faith Amid Challenges Everyday Supernatural Living – Part 8

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Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

Galatians 6:9 (ESV) And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7 (ESV) I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

James 5:7 (ESV) Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

1 John 5:19 (ESV) We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

1. Seek God's _____ as Your Foundation in Witnessing

Acts 5:12 (ESV) Now 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.

Acts 5:14 (ESV) And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

Acts 5:17-18 (ESV) But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.

2. Boldly Proclaim your _____ Despite Opposition

Acts 5:19-20 (ESV) But 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."

Acts 5:21a (ESV) And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Acts 5:29, 32 (ESV) But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

3. Count _____ for Jesus as Joy

Acts 5:33 (ESV) When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them.

Acts 5:34 (ESV) But 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.

Acts 5:40 (ESV) and 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.

Acts 5:41-42 (ESV) Then 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.

Sharing Your Faith Amid Challenges Study Guide

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Intro. What lessons can you learn about perseverance in following Jesus from Galatians 6:9?

What does 1 Corinthians 3:6-7 teach us about our part in witnessing and God's part?

In what ways must we learn to be patient in sharing our faith (James 5:7)?

1A. What is the purpose of God doing signs and wonders (Acts 5:12)?

1B. Why do you think that preaching of the Gospel along with signs and wonders led to so many people being saved (Acts 5:14)?

1C. Why do you think that the Jewish leaders were jealous and imprisoned the apostles (Acts 5:17-18)?

1D. What can you do to have more of God's power in your life and witness (Acts 1:8)?

2A. How did God confirm that the apostles were right to disobey the government and obey God (Acts 5:19-20)?

2B. What fear did the apostles have to overcome to go back into the temple and preach about Jesus again (Acts 5:21a)?

2C. What were Peter's reasons for continuing to defy the government's orders (Acts 5:29, 32)?

2D. What kind of fears prevent or discourage you from sharing your faith?

3A. Why did the Jewish leaders become so angry with the apostles (Acts 5:33)?

3B. What does the intervention of the Pharisee Gamaliel tell you about God's plan and protection (Acts 5:34)?

3C. How would you have responded if you had been beaten like the apostles and commanded not to speak about Jesus anymore (Acts 5:40)?

3D. Why did the apostles rejoice after being beaten and threatened (Acts 5:41-42)?

3E. In what ways can you rejoice when witnessing to your friends, relatives and co-workers is difficult?

3F. How is God guiding you to witness to the five friends you are praying for daily?