

**Acts 1-10: God's Blueprint for Ministry in the Church  
Be Faithful in Spite of the Response  
Acts 5:17-42 (page 759)**

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**Some people will disregard the message (5:17-18)**

- Just ignoring the truth will not make it go away.

**I am to obey God's command to declare the message  
(5:19-21)**

- Attempting to stop the miraculous only multiplies it.

**Some people will be resistant to the message (5:22-28)**

- The resistance of people will not diminish the glory of God.

**I am to boldly speak the message (5:29-32)**

- Obey God and trust Him to take care of the circumstances.

**Some people will be angered by the message (5:33)**

- When the truth offends, it can bring antagonism.

**Some people will be indifferent to the message (5:34-39)**

- "Wait and see" is not neutrality, but a decision.

**I am to rejoice in opposition and be faithful in  
proclaiming the message of Jesus (5:40-41)**

- Whether there is opposition from within the church or from outside the church, I am to continue to obey God's Word.

**Think it over....**

When was the last time I obeyed God and trusted Him to handle the circumstance? Explain.

How did persecution affect the apostles and the church? How does opposition affect you? Why?

How will I continue to share the message of Jesus this week?