

GROWING IN FAITH



Acts 5

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. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.” His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 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.

Acts 5:38-42

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What a strange comment, why would they feel this way?

Does suffering for the name of Jesus play a role in the church today?

Ananias and Sapphira.

Intentions and deception seem to be the crux of the issue. How do you examine your intentions in the way that you live your life?

Read Acts 5:30-32.

Does this remind you of passages in chapters 3 and 4?

Peter sounds like a one-trick pony. What meaning is there in his repetition of this message?

Gamaliel.

His advice, whether out of faith in Christ or human wisdom, is quite profound. We often ask, “How can I know what God’s will is?”

Can we use Gamaliel’s advice to discern God’s will?

If so, how?