

ACTS 5

GuidedDiscovery

TRUTH, COURAGE, AND THE NAME OF JESUS

KEY VERSE

**“We ought to obey
God rather than men.”
ACTS 5:29**

Acts 5 shows God guarding the purity of His church, confirming the apostles’ witness through signs and wonders, and giving boldness under pressure. Though threatened, imprisoned, and beaten, the apostles obey God, rejoice in suffering, and keep teaching Jesus as the Christ.

AT A GLANCE

- Ananias and Sapphira lie about their gift.
- Great fear comes upon the church.
- Many signs and wonders are done among the people.
- An angel opens the prison doors.
- The apostles keep preaching Jesus as the Christ.

CORE TRUTH

God calls His people to honest hearts, holy fear, and bold obedience. When leaders command silence, faithful witnesses still speak the truth about Jesus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Solomon’s Porch was a public area in the temple complex where people gathered. In Acts 5, the apostles teach there openly, even after opposition grows. The message of Jesus is not hidden—it is proclaimed in the heart of Jerusalem.

QUICK TAKEAWAY

- ✓ God sees the truth of the heart.
- ✓ The church must value holiness and honesty. ✓ God can open doors no one else can open.
- ✓ Obedience to God comes first.
- ✓ Joy can remain even after suffering.

1 FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use the Word Bank to complete the statements.

WORD BANK

heart Holy Spirit fear prison
God Christ name

- Satan filled Ananias’ _____ to lie to the _____.
- Great _____ came upon all the church.
- The apostles were put in the common _____.
- Peter said, “We ought to obey _____ rather than men.”
- Daily, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the _____.
- The apostles rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His _____.

2 MATCH IT

Match each person or group with the best description.

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| 1. Ananias and Sapphira | A. Warned the rulers to be careful |
| 2. The apostles | B. Lied about their gift |
| 3. The angel of the Lord | C. Were added to the Lord |
| 4. The council | D. Opened the prison doors |
| 5. Gamaliel | E. Witnessed boldly about Jesus |
| 6. The believers | F. Commanded the apostles not to speak |

3 MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the best answer.

- What was the real problem with Ananias and Sapphira’s gift?
 - A. They owned land
 - B. They gave too little
 - C. They lied to God
 - D. They sold a possession
- What did the angel tell the apostles to do?
 - A. Hide in another city
 - B. Stand in the temple and speak
 - C. Stop teaching for a while
 - D. Ask the council for permission
- What did Peter say believers must do when human commands oppose God?
 - A. Obey God rather than men
 - B. Stay silent
 - C. Make a compromise
 - D. Avoid all conflict
- How did the apostles respond after being beaten?
 - A. They stopped preaching
 - B. They left Jerusalem
 - C. They rejoiced
 - D. They argued with Gamaliel

NOTE TAKING

5 TRUE OR FALSE

Write T for True or F for False.

- Ananias and Sapphira were forced to sell their land.
 - Peter said they had lied to God.
 - The apostles were afraid to return to the temple.
 - The council wanted to stop the apostles from teaching in Jesus’ name.
 - Gamaliel advised the council to be careful.
- The apostles stopped teaching after they were beaten.

6 SHORT ANSWER

- Why does honesty before God matter?
- What does Acts 5 teach about obeying God under pressure?

- How did God show that the apostles’ witness could not be stopped?

- Why could the apostles rejoice after suffering shame for Jesus’ name?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

In this season, I want to grow in honest obedience by...

PRAYER PROMPT

Lord, give me a truthful heart before You. Help me obey You with courage, speak of Jesus with love, and stay joyful even when following You is costly. Teach me to fear You more than people. Amen.

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.”

— ACTS 5:42