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Series | THE CHURCH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD  
Text | Acts 5:12-42  
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# Sermon Notes

**Acts 5:12** Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. . . . **17** But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy **18** they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. . . . **27** And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, **28** saying, "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." . . . **33** . . . they were enraged and wanted to kill them. **34** 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. . . . **40** 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. **41** Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. **42** And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus. *ESV*

## Big Idea:

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### Acts 5:41

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## For Reflection & Application:

### Monday:

Read Acts 5:12-42. In verse 41, it says that the apostles were “rejoicing.” Considering they had just been threatened and beaten and shamed, why would they be rejoicing? How can you follow their example?

### Tuesday:

Read Luke 6:22-23. It is likely that the apostles had this teaching in mind when they suffered dishonor in Acts 5. How does this shed light on the reason for their rejoicing?

### Wednesday:

Read 1 Peter 1:3-7. The apostle Peter wrote these words after his own experience of suffering in Acts 5:12-42. What’s the connection?

### Thursday:

Read 1 Peter 4:13. The apostle Peter wrote these words after his own experience of suffering in Acts 5:12-42. What’s the connection?

### Friday:

If it is true that sacred suffering scores points with God, how can you apply this idea to your life today? Is suffering for doing good ever worthless?

### Daily Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, that when I suffer for doing what you have called me to do, you count me worthy, and in doing so, you give me reason to rejoice and keep going.

Amen.