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The Year of Awakening

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Journey Through Acts: Week 9

Focus Scripture: Acts 5:1– 42

Theme: Purity & Power

Objective: Revival requires integrity and holiness

Introduction:

As the early church continues to grow, we see not only miracles and momentum, but also moments of correction and confrontation. Acts 5 reveals that God is not only concerned with expanding the church outwardly, but also purifying it inwardly.

Power without purity is dangerous, and revival without righteousness is unsustainable. In this chapter, God deals with hypocrisy, defends His authority, and empowers bold witnesses.

This passage teaches us that if we want the power of God, we must also embrace the purity of God.

Main Point:

God's power flows through a pure and yielded people.

Point 1: The _____ that Corrupts Acts 5:1–11 NKJV

Ananias and Sapphira attempted to appear spiritual while secretly being deceptive. God dealt with their dishonesty swiftly, showing that hypocrisy has no place in a Spirit-filled church.

- Sin Concealed is Still Sin- Acts 5:3–4
 1. Deception begins in the heart before it is ever displayed in actions



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2. Pretending spirituality is more dangerous than struggling honestly
3. God sees beyond public image and examines private motives
4. Hidden sin can hinder corporate revival
5. Accountability is necessary to maintain spiritual integrity

Proverbs 28:13 NKJV

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”

Point 2: The _____ that Confirms -Acts 5:12–16 NKJV

Despite the sobering judgment, God continues to move powerfully through the apostles. Signs, wonders, and healing confirm His presence among a purified people.

- Power Follows Purity Acts 5:14–15
 1. God’s power is not random, it flows where there is alignment
 2. Unity among believers creates an atmosphere for miracles
 3. The church should be known for both reverence and results
 4. Genuine revival attracts people who are hungry for God
 5. The presence of God brings both awe and addition

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NKJV)

“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.”



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Point 3: The _____ that Continues Acts 5:17–32 (NKJV)

Opposition rises from religious leaders, but the apostles refuse to be silenced. Their boldness shows that when people are committed to God, persecution cannot stop the mission.

- Obedience Over Opposition – Acts 5:29
 1. Standing for God will often bring resistance from people
 2. Obedience to God must take priority over pleasing others
 3. God will open doors that opposition tries to shut
 4. Boldness is a mark of those filled with the Holy Spirit
 5. Suffering for Christ is not defeat, it is identification

1 Samuel 15:22 NKJV

“So Samuel said: ‘Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.’”

Point 4: The _____ that Conquers Acts 5:33–42 NKJV

After the apostles boldly declare the truth, the council is enraged and seeks to kill them. However, God uses Gamaliel to bring wisdom and restraint. Even after being beaten and commanded to be silent, the apostles respond with joy and continue preaching daily.

- Perseverance Produces Purpose (Acts 5:41–42)
 1. Opposition does not cancel God’s plan, it often confirms it
 2. God can use unexpected people to protect His purpose
 3. Spiritual maturity is revealed in how we respond to suffering
 4. Joy in persecution is evidence of a transformed life



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5. Consistency in the mission is the mark of true devotion

James 1:2-4 (NKJV)

"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect.