

Keep On Sharing Your Faith

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Keep On Keepin' On! Pt. 8
Acts 5:33-42

Matthew 28:19, *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I Am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

Romans 1:16, *For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.*

1. Telling People About Jesus Will Receive **BACKLASH**

Acts 5:40, *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.*

Four Reasons We Will Receive Backlash:

J-JEALOUSY

Acts 5:17, *Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with **jealousy**. 18 They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.*

F-FEAR

Acts 5:25, *Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." 26 At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they **feared** that the people would stone them.*

A-ANGER

Acts 5:30, *The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging Him on a cross. 31 God exalted Him to His own right hand as Prince and Savior that He might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. 32 We are witnesses of these things... 33 When they heard this, they were **furious** and wanted to put them to death.*

P-PRIDE

Acts 5:38, *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. 39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; **you will only find yourselves fighting against God.***

2. You Can Remain JOYFUL When Backlash Comes

Acts 5:41, *The apostles left the Sanhedrin, **rejoicing** because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.*

1 Peter 4:12, *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. 15 If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. 16 However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.*

3. Joy Will Make You Want To Tell More People ABOUT JESUS

Acts 5:42, *Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped t*eaching and proclaiming the good news** that Jesus is the Messiah.**

Romans 12:18, *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

Acts 5:29, *Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!*