

**Oxford Baptist Church – July 3, 2022 – Pastor Robin W. Pifer**  
**Acts – Obeying God in Persecution - Acts 5:12-42**

**The Holy Spirit directs God's people to obey through the barriers of persecution. (2Tim 3:12)**

**1. v.5-15 | God's People Thrive & Overcome Obstacles By The Holy Spirit**

- 2Cor 5:17. Lives are transformed.
- Religious people are always jealous of new life in Jesus Christ. v. 17-18
- What barriers are you experiencing in your life? How does the Lord want to set you free to serve him?

**2. v.19-26 | God's People Know What To Do And Are Faith-Filled By The Holy Spirit**

- What do we do? v. 19-21
- What do we do? Acts 2:37; 5:24, 26 (fear)
- religious people do not know what to do and our fearful.
- Are you living in fear and do not know what to do?

**3. v.27-32 | God's People Teach The Truth And Deal With Their Guilt**

- V. 28 given strict orders not to teach. The disciples filled Jerusalem with gospel teaching and brought conviction of sin.
- v. 31 – repentance and forgiveness of sins.
- Religious people are false teachers and deny their guilt.
- Is there teaching from the word of God that is convicting you? Why have you not responded? John 14:15

**4. v.29-37 | God's People Obey The Lord Rather Than Compromise**

- Why is there to be no compromise with God's people? v. 30, 31,32.
- The intervention of Gamaliel by the Lord. v. 33-37
- The Lord works things out in his ways and in his time.
- Is there compromise in your life?

**5. v.38-42 | God's People Will Not Fight Against The Lord**

- The religious will fight against the Lord.
- Human origins fail. v. 38
- When God originates, ministry thrives. v. 39, 28, 40
- Violence is the response of the religious. v. 40
- They praised God and kept proclaiming the good news. v. 41-42
- Are you fighting against the Lord?

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