Acts Lesson 7 (2024)

**UNSHAKABLE FAITH: APOSTLES DEFY OPPOSITION**

(Acts 5:17-42)

**Open it:**

1. When was the last time you felt intimidated by an individual or group of people?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 17-21. Why did the high priest and his associates arrest the apostles? How did God intervene to release the apostles from prison? (19-21) What does this passage reveal about the sovereignty of God in the face of opposition?
2. Read verses 22-32. What message did the angel instruct the apostles to share with the people in the temple courts? How did the apostles respond when questioned by the high priest and the council? What principles of obedience to God rather than man can we learn from their response?
3. Read verses 33-42. Who was Gamaliel, and what was his advice to the council regarding the apostles? (34-39) How did the council respond to Gamaliel’s advice, and what happened to the apostles? (40-42) What insight can we gain from Gamaliel’s approach to resolving conflicts and opposing the gospel message?

**Apply it:**

1. How can we demonstrate unshakable faith and courage in facing opposition or challenges in our lives and communities?