

WORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

GOD'S PATIENCE AND KINDNESS LEADS PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE. ROMANS 2:4

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“The apostles left the Sanhedrin,
rejoicing because they had been *counted worthy* of suffering disgrace for the Name.
Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house,
they *never stopped* teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.”
Acts 5:41-42 NIV

The end of Acts 5.
Every time I read it,
I get choked up.
Every time.

The apostles.
They had been arrested.
They had been flogged.
They had been ordered to never even *speak* the name of Jesus again.

And did they?
Did they turn tail and run?
Did they stop speaking the name of Jesus?
Did they stop preaching the truth, stop speaking the words of life?

No. No, they didn't.

They didn't run away. They didn't stop speaking.
They didn't worry...or complain...or feel sorry for themselves.

What did they do?
They rejoiced.
They rejoiced that they had been *counted worthy*
to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus.
They never stopped.
Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house,
they *never stopped* teaching and proclaiming the good news
that Jesus is the Messiah.

They rejoiced...and they never stopped!

Amidst arrests, beatings and attempts on their lives,
they rejoiced...and they never stopped.

And the result?
The Gospel, the Good News of salvation, went forth,
and many, many people believed.

Suffering disgrace for the name of Jesus today?

Rejoice and never stop.

Never stop speaking the truth.

Never stop speaking the words of life.

Never stop proclaiming the name of Jesus.

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” James 1:2-3 NIV

DATES & TIMES TO REMEMBER:

Road to Restoration—Join us for a morning of intense learning as you grow closer to God and understand His plan for your life! This is an important and life-changing class for all who attend and is required for anyone interested in our Discipleship Program. *Saturday, February 15, 9 am-noon.*

4th Sunday Worship Night—God continues to draw us into a deeper relationship with Him. Come pursue His heart for you! *Sunday, February 23, 6 pm.*

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