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## Acts 5:12-42 “Doing Time” for Jesus!

God blessed the disciples during those early days with great “signs” of his presence in their lives:

5:1-11 A couple who lied publicly to God was struck dead by God!

5:11 Great fear came over all who heard about these things.

5:12-16 People were healed of all types of afflictions and sickness.

5:14 Great numbers of new people came to believe in Jesus.

You would think that given all this evidence of God’s presence and power everyone would have believed. But the religious leaders became jealous instead, so they put the apostles in jail.

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## Think

Summarize what happened next. Did their plan to subdue the gospel work?

Read Romans 1:16. Summarize the verse in your own words. Memorize this verse.

## Talk

1. If you escaped from jail like this, what would you do next? What did the disciples do?
2. When reminded of the threats against them, how did the disciples respond? What did the Jewish leaders do then?
3. The disciples rejoiced “that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for his name.” Why would this be an honor?

## Act

God took a moment in the telling of this story to point out the honor he bestows on those who suffer for his sake. Take a moment this week to show preference to someone you know who has suffered or been shamed because of their commitment to Jesus.