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**Obeying God Is A Risk Worth Taking.**

**Acts 5:17-42**

**Key truth:** An effective witness for Christ is one who demonstrates a willingness to sacrifice it all through obedience.

1. Be determined to obey God even in the midst of opposition. Vs. 17-20
2. Expect people to oppose the gospel. Matt. 10:16
3. Not everyone's agenda is truly a kingdom agenda.
4. The word of God will expose the false pretense of man.
5. Proclaim the truth no matter what danger confronts you vs. 27-29.
6. Obedience to God is not always comfortable.
7. Focus on your obedience not your fears.
8. With God on your side nothing can eternally harm you. Matt. 10:28

1. When presented with an alternative outcome choose to obey God. Vs. 39-40
2. God expects us to carry out His kingdom objectives.
3. Nothing can cancel out God’s directives for us.
4. Obedience is a necessity to fulfill God’s plan for us.
5. Count it an honor to be dishonored by those who oppose the gospel. Vs. 41-42
6. Persecution may await those who obey the Lord. Matthew 24:9
7. Suffering can be a byproduct of obedience to Christ. Acts 9:16
8. God reserves honor for those who obey Him.

1 Sam. 2:30

 **Taking it Beyond the Walls:** Obey God and leave the consequences to Him.

**Connections Group Study Questions**

 **For the week of June 11, 2017**

Looking back at your notes from this weekend’s message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Read 2 Timothy 2:24-26:

How does God want us to respond to the opposition?

Have you ever obeyed God and faced opposition?

How did you respond to their behavior?

How did your experience increase or decrease your obedience to God to share the truth?

Read 2 Corinthians 11:16-33:

Paul touched on many dangerous encounters. These examples may be extreme that most of us will not suffer but how can you draw encouragement from Paul?

Can you envision the challenge to overcome the fear of discomfort and obey God?

Have you ever faced discomfort as a result your obedience to God?

How were you able to work through it?

Sometimes obedience to God can result in humiliation.

Has there ever been a time when you were humiliated for sharing the gospel?

How did God comfort and encourage you to continue sharing despite the ridicule of man?

Has your time in a connection Group encourage you to become more obedient to share the gospel? How?