

## Bible Study 9 – Apostles persecuted – Acts 5:17-42

*A train full of toxic chemicals roars down the track with no one aboard. That's the story of the 2010 film "Unstoppable". It's also the true story of CSX 8888, a freight train known as "Crazy Eights". It got loose in Ohio in 2001 and ran without anyone controlling it for two hours before another train was coupled to the rear and applied brakes to slow the runaway to 11 miles per hour. Then an engineer ran alongside, hopped on, and shut down Crazy Eights' engine. Christianity emerged like an unstoppable freight train in the 1st century – the gospel was unstoppable.*

<b>The context</b>	Acts describes the spread of Christianity across the Roman Empire (1:8). After Christ's ascension to heaven, the Holy Spirit arrives to live in believers in Ch. 2. Peter gives the first sermon, & the first church begins. Peter heals a lame man and gives the second sermon. Then Peter & John are persecuted by the religious leaders. The believers shared their possessions with the needy, but Ananias and Sapphira died because they lied to God.
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### ***PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Acts 5:17-42***

Arrested (v.17-26)	
Charge & reply (v.27-32)	
God's providence (v.33-40)	
Response (v.41-42)	

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?***

***2. What does it teach about people?***

***3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.***

***4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?***

***5. Which other parts of the passages caught your attention?***

***6. Why did the apostles rejoice after they were tortured (v. 40-41)? How can you prepare for persecution?***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

The disciples were passionate about the gospel – they kept preaching it despite persecution.



## Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?  
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

## Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

## Prayer

**Date:**

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

**Who needs help?** What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

