

WE MUST OBEY GOD

Acts 5.12-42 // July 24, 2022

A WHOLE NEW WORLD

Isaiah 5.20-24

The heat is being turned up towards the church, and this story gives us great wisdom and strength for our own situation as we see the heat being turned up around us. The message of the Gospel is not just "old-fashioned," but is increasingly being seen as "evil."

**It is one thing when evil is called "good,"
But it is a whole other situation when good is called "evil."**

The problem that the world has with us isn't necessarily the name "Jesus" (after all, many have no problem using His Name as a curse word!), but what it is that we say *about* Jesus. They won't mind His Name, as long as it doesn't go against their views; if it does, it is considered evil.

HOW NOT TO RESPOND

CONTROL: We may want to respond by wanting to control, or not *losing* control.

CONDEMN: We can be burned at the stake for the sake of Christ and His mission, but if we don't have love, it is nothing.

**It is one thing to love to preach the Gospel...
It's a whole other thing to love the people
that you preach the Gospel to.**

HIDE: We easily desire to seek out safety and comfort and into a place where things are how we prefer them to be.

CONFORM: We wrongly think that for people to follow Jesus, we have to make Him cooler or more attractive, so we compromise biblical truth.

But notice that Jesus made none of these the purpose of His mission.

John 3.17-20

BEING PREPARED

Acts 20.24 // 2 Corinthians 12.15 // Colossians 1.24, 25 // Romans 5.3-5

One important thing we must do to prepare ourselves for persecution is to know and believe that, firstly, this life is not ours. We ought to resolve to spend and be spent for the sake of the Gospel.

NOTES:

Announcement

Rosaria Butterfield Conference: FIVE LIES OF OUR ANTICHRISTIAN AGE

Where: Escondido United Reformed Church (1864 N. Broadway, Escondido, CA)

When: July 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Details: Dr Butterfield will speak for 45 minutes and then there will be a question and answer session after a break.

Additional Info: <https://heidelblog.net/rosaria>

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

2 Timothy 1:7 9:10

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Acts 5.12-42**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

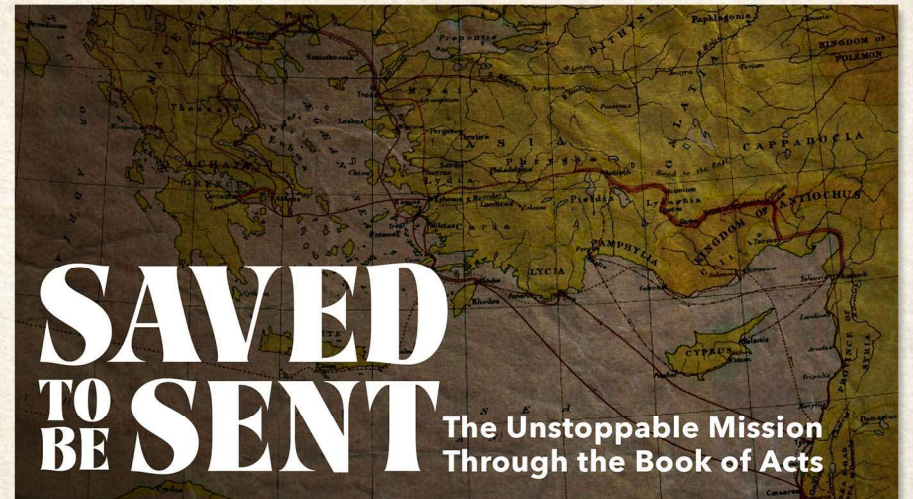
What specific Gospel truths are helpful for you to keep you strong and standing firm in your beliefs when you are tempted to disobey God and rather be led by fear of man?

Your Life Mission

In many ways, it is getting more difficult to share the Gospel freely. So many more people have bought into many anti-bible viewpoints that for many, they are closed off. What relationships and conversations do you need prayer for that are particularly challenging? What do you need specific prayer for in order to stand firm as you share the Gospel with others?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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