

You Cannot Be Silent

Acts 5:17-42

Main Point:

You cannot be silent about Jesus; therefore, courageously speak of Him so that others may be given life as well.

1. Jesus wants you to speak of Him, even when others don't like it.
2. This will require courage on your part because you cannot be silent.
3. You can be courageous because Christ's cause is unstoppable.
4. You can also be courageous because it's an honor to suffer for His name.

Cross-References and Quotations

Dennis Johnson "When men forbid what God has commanded or command what God has forbidden, we have only one option: 'We must obey God rather than men!'"

John 6:47 ⁴⁷ "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. (NKJV)

Matthew 13:31-32 ³¹ Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, ³² "which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches." (NKJV)

John Legg "Although unbelievers will continue, and persecution and opposition will go on until the end of the age, we can expect growth and progress in the kingdom."

Matthew 16:18b ¹⁸ "... I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (NKJV)

1 Peter 4:13-14 ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. ¹⁴ If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. (NKJV)

Derek Thomas "This is Christianity! It is a conviction in the hearts of men and women about the identity and significance of Jesus that must be shared with others. It is something vibrant and passionate. It is more than mere notion. It is an engagement of the entire being in something viewed as a matter of life or death. Nothing is more important than knowing the forgiveness of sins that is offered to us in Jesus Christ. Sharing this news is the Christian's life calling."