

1 **THE KINGDOM IN THE 21ST CENTURY**
...WE ARE THE PARALLEL SYSTEM
CHAPTER #8
"THE CHOICE"

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2 **ACTS 5:12-42 ESV**
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3 **ACTS 5:12-42 NKJV**
BIBLE STUDY

Introduction

The background story of Acts 4 & 5

- The supernatural Power of the Holy Spirit brings exponential growth in persecution. Vs 12-16
- The Jews are filled with jealousy, indignation, and hatred of Jesus and His Followers. Vs 17-21
- The Jews took the Apostles and put them in prison, the second time (see Acts 4:3) Vs 18
- God supernaturally breaks them out of prison with an Angel giving encouragement. Vs 19
- The Jews mandated the second time (see Acts 4:18) to not use the Name of Jesus. Vs 27-28
- The Apostles practice Peaceful Non-Compliance and continue to preach Jesus, Vs 29
- The Apostles were beaten and given a third warning to not use the Name of Jesus. Vs 40
- They did not quit. Vs 42
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4 **PRINCIPLES & PRACTICE TO TAKE AWAY**

1. When we restore First Century principles and practice, we must expect the return of First Century persecution.... even in USA!
2. We, as Christ Followers today, will face similar indignation and persecution for our peaceful non-compliance of mandates.
3. We must prepare mentally and spiritually for the consequences of disobeying the mandates imposed upon us, while obeying our God. (Revelation 13:16-17)
4. Our trust must rest in the provision and the protection of our King Jesus.
5. We, as Christ Followers today, will soon be faced with a similar choice....
 Will we obey man or will we obey God?

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5  **CLOSING STATEMENT**

'Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish. Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the Lord his God,'

Psalms 146:3-5 NKJV

"We can never look to men for help; no matter who they are, they can't save us, for even our great leaders fail and fall. They too are just mortals who will one day die. At death the spirits of all depart and their bodies return to dust. In the day of their death all their projects and plans are over. But those who hope in the Lord will be happy and pleased! Our help comes from the God of Jacob!'

Psalms 146:3-5 TPT