April 7, 2013 Let's Look at The Book of Acts "On The Witness Stand" Acts 5:21–33

- 21 Upon hearing *this*, they entered into the temple about daybreak and *began* to teach. Now when the high priest and his associates came, they called the Council together, even all the Senate of the sons of Israel, and sent *orders* to the prison house for them to be brought.
- 22 But the officers who came did not find them in the prison; and they returned and reported back,
- 23 saying, "We found the prison house locked quite securely and the guards standing at the doors; but when we had opened up, we found no one inside."
- 24 Now when the captain of the temple *guard* and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them as to what would come of this.
- 25 But someone came and reported to them, "The men whom you put in prison are in the temple, *having taken a stand* and *teaching* the people!"
- 26 Then the captain went along with the officers and *proceeded* to bring them *back* without violence (for they were afraid of the people, that they might be stoned).
- 27 When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them,
- 28 saying, "*Didn't we command* you not to continue teaching *based upon* this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and *you are purposing* to bring this man's blood upon us (*to hold us guilty for his death and as a result rightfully replace us*)."
- 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "*It is necessary to obey the authority of* God rather than men.
- 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you *murdered* by hanging Him on a cross.
- 31 He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

- 32 And we, *ourselves*, are witnesses of these *spoken* things; and *so is* the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who *obey the authority of* Him."
- 33 But when they heard this, they were cut to the quick *(infuriated)* and *purposed* to kill them.
 - Let's define "guts"
 - Not just taking a stand but teaching...
 - A study in fear...
 - True authority...Culpability...
 - Two witnesses...
 - Are you bothered?

Upcoming Events

- → <u>April 13th</u> ~ <u>Corporate Prayer @ 1:30-2:30 pm</u> in the Chapel to pray specifically for families.
- → <u>April 14th & 21st</u> ~ <u>Baptism Classes @ 8:45-9:45 am</u> in Classroom #1. Please fill out a registration card found in the foyer information area and place it in the drop-off slot or give to an usher.
- → <u>April 20th</u> ~ Chris Tomlin Concert (floor level seating) ~ purchase your raffle tickets (\$2 each) for your chance to win two tickets (valued @ \$100) ~ on sale after services in the Foyer. Proceeds will benefit the Food Bank.
- → <u>April 20th through June 8th</u> ~ <u>Christian Athletic Program (CAP)</u> <u>@ 1:30-3pm</u> ~ Spring Season begins (soccer/flag football) @ Concordia Lutheran School field (202 E. 56th St., Tacoma, WA 98404) for boys/girls ages 5-14. Any questions, please call Michael Wheelock @ (253) 353-9311.
- → <u>April 21st ~ Rap Session @ 12:15 pm</u> in the Fellowship Hall.
- → <u>April 22nd & 29th</u> ~ <u>Intensified Drama</u> (Adult Education Class) ~ <u>@ 6-7:30 pm</u> in Classroom #1. Please fill out a registration card found in the foyer information area and place it in the drop-off slot or give to an usher.
- → <u>April 28th</u> ~ <u>Baptism</u> ~ you must attend both baptism classes on 4/14 & 4/21 in order to be baptized.
- → <u>April 28th</u> ~ <u>Cupcake Wars</u> ~ after service in the Fellowship Hall. This is a "fun" fundraiser event with proceeds going to purchase outside signage & banners for the church. To enter, sign up in the Foyer or email <u>office@lgministries.org</u>. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 per family & may be purchased in the foyer after services or on-line ~ click on: Donate/Cupcake Wars.

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Sunday April 7, 2013