## Be Careful You Don't Fight Against God

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[0:00] Thank you for tuning into this message by David Entry. Every true revival is a product of the strong preaching of God's Word. May you receive a word from this message that will spark a revival in you.

Reading from Acts chapter 5, from verse 29 all the way through verse 42. Acts chapter 5, Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom he slew and hung on a tree. Him as God exalted with his right hand to be a prince and a saviour, for to give repentance unto Israel and forgiveness of sins.

And we are his witnesses of these things, and so is also the Holy Ghost whom God has given to them that obey him. When they heard that, they were cut to the heart and took counsel to slay them.

Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space.

[1:30] And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. For before these days rose up Theodos, boasting himself to be somebody, to whom a number of men, about 400, joined themselves, who was slain, and all as many as obeyed him were scattered and brought to north.

After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him.

He also perished, and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. And now I say unto you, refrain from these men, and let them alone.

For if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to naught. But if it is of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest happily ye be found even to fight against God.

And to him they agreed, and when they had called the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus and let them go.

[2:58] And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

And daily in the temple and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ. Here ends the reading of God's holy word.

Let's pray. Father, thank you so much for giving us the privilege to be here, to gather here. We pray that as we hear your word, reveal Christ to us.

Let what is predetermined when the word of God is taught, let happen. Let hope, let faith, let deliverance, let convictions, let salvation, let healings and the power of the Holy Spirit be in display as your word is taught, both in this building and beyond.

As far as anyone can watch and listen to this message, we pray let the power in your word be unfolded and discharged into wherever the sound of this preaching gets to.

[4:04] To the glory of your name, in Jesus' name. Amen. Hallelujah. Please be seated. Thank you, Jesus.

Thank you, Jesus. We saw in our last teaching how they tried to stop them. In Acts chapter 5, they put them in prison and God sent his angel to bring them out of prison and told them to go and stand in the temple and teach the people, preach, go and stand.

And they should speak in the temple the words of their life they have got. And when the Sahindrin had convened, they sent for them only to find out that the guys were missing.

But whilst they were thinking about this, they were informed that those guys you put in prison are standing in the temple preaching. So they went and brought them back to them gently.

And they questioned them, not how they vanished or escaped from prison, but they questioned them why they are preaching. And they said, verse 28, Did we not strictly command you that you should not teach in this name?

[5:19] And behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. It's interesting because the next statement, Peter said we have to.

Verse 29, then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. Let's all say, obey God. Obey God. Rather than men. Rather than men.

They say it again, obey God. Obey God. Rather than men. Then he went on to tell them that God has exalted with his right hand. Sorry.

Verse 30 says that the God of our fathers raised Jesus Christ whom you slain. Okay. Now, Peter was telling them, you guys killed Jesus. And the guys in the verse 28 said, You are preaching this in his name, intending to bring his blood.

We don't want his blood to come on us. But it's those same people in Matthew chapter 27 verse 25 who said, Let his blood be upon us. When the apostles, when they threatened to kill Jesus, Pontius Pilate didn't want him executed.

[6:29] Now, he said that when Pontius Pilate let them go, he said, I wash my hands from his blood. Matthew chapter 27. And then the verse 35 says, Let his blood be upon us.

They said it. That they answered and they said, His blood be upon us and our children. Now they are preaching him. You said, why are you preaching? You are intending to bring his blood upon us. And Peter said, if you notice the preaching, the apostles kept saying, You crucified him.

In Acts chapter 2 verse 36, He said, Let the house of Israel know that this Jesus, whom you crucified, in Acts chapter 3 verse 15, He said, You crucified the prince of life.

You killed him. You requested that. You killed the prince of life. They were culpable. And he said, His execution was, you were not innocent of his execution.

Even though, the main person behind the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, is God. It's God who killed him. Because in Acts chapter 2 verse 23, it says that, They crucified, it says that, Him being delivered by the determinate counsel, and the foreknowledge of God.

[7:53] God was the main person behind it. That is why when Peter, Jesus said that, He has to go to Jerusalem, and be killed, and the third day rise again. In Matthew chapter 16 verse 22, Peter took him aside to rebuke him.

Jesus told Peter, Get behind me. You Satan. I have to. I have to. You are not thinking about the things of God, but you mind the things of men. Because you mind the things of men, you have missed the purpose of God.

But the purpose of God is for me to go to Jerusalem, and be executed, and be killed. So it was actually God. God was the mastermind behind the crucifixion of Jesus. However, the Sahindri were also held culpable for their malicious intention.

Even though God was using their malice and their wicked intention, God was using that. Even if God was not using it, they would still be wicked. So they said, You killed!

In Acts chapter 2, whom you crucified. Acts chapter 3, you crucified the king, you killed the prince of peace. In Acts chapter, in fact, in Acts chapter 2, it says that, Through lawless hands, the people of Israel, and their leaders, Through lawless hands, ye have taken, and by wicked hands, crucified.

You did it! So they were culpable. Now they are crying foul. Don't, why are you preaching him, his name, to bring his blood upon us? In Acts chapter 4, verse 10, it said, If you are being asked by name, by what name we are preaching, let it be, be it known to you, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who you, you killed.

You killed. So, the preaching was always making it clear that, you killed Jesus! You killed Jesus! Yes! And they didn't want to have none of that. And so they said, We have strictly warned you.

We commanded you not to preach in this name, but you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine. And Peter said, We have to obey God. What we are doing is not, we just decided, we are thinking of what to do.

We are doing this because God has commanded to do it. God has commanded us to preach, and you have commanded us not to preach. He said, Judge for yourself, who should we obey? So Peter said, We have to obey God.

Tell somebody, We have to obey God. We have to obey God. When it comes to choosing between God and man, who to obey, who would you obey? God. Say, We have to obey God.

[10:25] Who would you obey? We have to obey God. Who will you obey? We have to obey God. Whether it's my wife, my husband, my mother, my father, my brother, my sister, my best friends, my enemies, the government, or a law, we have to obey.

That is the Christian standard. We have to obey God, not men. Why? One of the reasons why we have to obey God is buried and hidden in the verse 32.

Verse 31 says, Let's look at verse 31 again. The verse 31 says that, Him as God exalted with His right hand and given to be prince and savior for to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Verse 32 says that, And we are witnesses of these things, not only us, so also is the Holy Ghost whom God has given to certain people.

God has given the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost, to those who obey God. That is why we have to obey God.

[11:33] Because if we don't obey God, the Holy Spirit is not on our side. How do you know who the Holy Spirit, on whose side the Holy Spirit is? Not the one who is shaking.

Not the one who is sweating. The one who is. The one who is. The one who is. God only gives the Holy Spirit, supplies the Holy Spirit, to those who obey God.

Peter said, We have to obey God because He will give us the Holy Spirit to join us to do what we are obeying God to do. So, when we obey God to preach the gospel, to us, we said, we are His witnesses.

Verse 31 again, 32. Verse 32 says that, And we are His witnesses. And Jesus said in Acts chapter 1, verse 8, that you shall receive power after the Holy Ghost has come on, and you shall be witnesses.

So, we are His witnesses. And you saw, in Acts chapter 3, they spoke about being witnesses. They were the witnesses of all these things which the Jews were ignorant of.

[12:44] So, they were witnesses in Acts chapter 2, Acts chapter 3, Acts chapter 4, Acts chapter 5. They were witnesses. And here, we can see that they were not the only ones witnessing.

They were witnesses. They were supposed to witness the fact that Jesus is God. Jesus is the crucified one who resurrected and is alive and has been exalted to the right hand of the Father.

That was their message. In fact, in Acts chapter, 10, verse 39, 40, 41, it says that, and we are witnesses of all these things which He did both that Jesus Christ when He was alive in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem whom they slew and hung on the tree.

The next verse, Him God raised on the third day and shewed Him openly, not to all the people, but unto all witnesses.

So, God showed Him to witnesses chosen before of God. Even us, we are the witnesses. Whom did we eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead.

[13:55] Not before. We were with Him eating and drinking before He died. but after He died, we still continue eating and drinking because He resurrected and we physically had interactions with Him.

And we are, verse 42, and He has commanded us to preach unto the people and to testify. What does a witness do? Testifies. So, we are to testify that it is He which was ordained of God to be the judge of the wicked.

Testify. Jews, you are waiting for somebody. This is the one. That's our witness. And we are witnesses of these things and the Holy Spirit also, God has given the Holy Spirit to us to be witnesses with us.

A witness with us. Those of us who are obeying God to witness this, we are not on our own. Anytime you obey God, to do what He tells you to do, you are not on your own because He backs you by His Spirit.

I see God backing somebody here in the name of Jesus. Now, looking at the text again, it says that, I want us to look at the verse 31.

[15:01] Him has God exalted to His right hand to be prince. That's Archegos, the ruler, the Lord, and Savior. Now, this is very, I spent a bit of time here last week, but let me just say this again.

He's ruler and Savior. Ruler, that means He's above any authority, as I mentioned. He will create the environment for your salvation and no one can stop it because every salvation needs a certain environment.

This is very important. Every salvation, that's why, okay, why did the angel tell them, go and stand in the temple and preach? If God wants to save them, can't He save them without the preaching?

No. He says that, for whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved, for there's no difference. The same Lord, how shall they call on Him of whom they have not heard?

Okay, of whom they have not believed? How shall they, Romans chapter 10, verse 14, how shall they believe in whom, of whom they have not heard? How shall they hear without a preacher? You see, so the hearing is what helps to produce the believing.

[16:14] It's an environment or atmosphere or environment that must be created and Jesus Christ, He can come into the dungeon of lions because He's boss of all to create the atmosphere necessary for your salvation.

So you can hear the word to be saved. No one can stop that. Another typical example in the text we are dealing with is they were thrown into prison and they were commanded they shouldn't, the fact they told them in the verse 28, didn't we strictly command you not to teach in this name?

We commanded you and guess what? An angel, they were doing that, they were thrown in prison, angel comes to the prison, opens the door, brings them out, go and stand there and preach the same thing.

So go and preach. Why? Because God wanted to save some people and He can choose which environment. Prison cannot stop the environment. He's boss now. He's Lord.

He's the Lord over matters concerning your salvation. When He's ready to serve you, nobody can stop it. He will create the environment for you to hear the word of God.

[17:20] There's no way anyone sitting here could have been saved without the involvement of God. There's no way anyone because some of you rejected the preaching for so long.

Some of you, what you didn't like was to hear somebody preaching. You couldn't stand there. Today, you are almost like an evangelist yourself. Tell me who is boss now.

Tell me who is Lord. If you were left to yourself, you would never have been sitting in a church or you never have tuned in to listen to preaching. But you're tuning and you couldn't tune out.

And something has arrested you. It's because Jesus is Lord. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. It's the Lordship of Jesus that makes people be able to listen to preaching that saves.

It's the Lordship of Jesus. Governments and rulers and authorities and kings and priests can make rules and laws to block anyone from preaching. But Jesus says, you can do all that you want.

[18:21] When I'm ready to save, I will save. Now, look at this. they were not released from prison because God didn't want his people to be in prison. You have to listen.

Get that very clearly. The reason why they were released from prison was not because God didn't want his people to be in prison. The reason why they couldn't execute, they chopped James' head.

James, they cut off his head. The reason why God released them from prison and they couldn't be executed wasn't because God would not allow them to be executed.

but because Jesus is Lord and he's sending them to create the environment for someone to be saved because eventually they were executed anyway. So why didn't he come back to the prison?

No, that's not what God was doing. Stephen shouldn't have been executed. If God is, you see, this kind of theology that we have that God will defend you at any cost.

[19:16] No, it's not you he will defend. stop this overemphasis of, oh God, me, look at what you're doing. My enemies, they must perish.

Oh God, my enemies, my enemies. Listen, please. There's a place for that, but stop overemphasizing on that and start get busy obeying God and let him use you to create the environment.

Sometimes, Stephen has to be used to spread the gospel. The death of Stephen. So, Jesus is Lord. Someone say, Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord.

Created the environment. But what I like about this particular text is him God has exalted with his right hand or to his right hand. Acts chapter 5 verse 31. Him has God exalted with his right hand.

When he says, someone is my right hand man or the child of my right hand, that means that he's the child to inherit everything. And they are telling the Jews that this is the one through whom God will do everything on earth.

[20:25] He's the main guy. He's the right hand man of God. God exalted with his right hand to be archegos and savior.

So, he will create the environment to save. Watch this. This is what I like. To donate repentance. Repentance is a gift. Yeah.

Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. The purpose was to give, to donate repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. We are saved by grace through faith and it's the gift of God.

Most of the time we say that salvation is a gift, that grace is a gift, faith is a gift. but I submit to you, repentance that brings salvation. The repentance that leads to salvation is actually a special gift from God and the only one who can give this gift is the one who has been exalted by the right hand of God as praise and savior.

That's the only one on earth in the universe that can give the gift of repentance. Yeah. Thank you. In Acts chapter 11 verse 18 and when they heard these things they held their peace and glorified God saying then God has also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

[ 21:48 ] So you see the real person I know you chose to come to church I know you chose to be with Christ but what you don't have to forget if you are in Christ is that this repenting thing you did it was actually God who gave you the gift.

Look, you know what he did? He created the Lord. Jesus is the Lord. He created the environment for your salvation and for you to hear the word. When you heard the word he also gave you a gift of repentance.

Oh, okay. Permit me to tell you what repentance is. The Greek word is metanoia. Repentance is a change of mind that leads to a change of action. Jesus. So it seems like repentance is from you not from God because I have to repent.

Peter said repent. They asked him men and brethren what shall we do? Repentance is on the side of the one who is supposed to be saved not on the side of God. God has done everything.

Redemption is from the side of God. Repentance is from the side of the saved. So when it comes to our salvation God offers the redemption and man cannot do anything about that.

[ 22:55 ] God is the one who donates God's contribution to our salvation is redemption. So we have redemption by his blood. What our path we play for our salvation is repentance.

So in Acts chapter 2 verse 38 when they asked Peter men and brethren what shall we do? Peter said you repent. Repent.

Someone shall repent. In Luke chapter 24 verse 47 Jesus said that repentance and forgiveness of sins shall be preached in his name and that repentance and forgiveness of sins shall be preached in his name.

I stumbled across a verse in 2 Timothy chapter 2 verse 25 oh boy and I realized that God is the donor of repentance. He's a donor. He said in meekness instruct those who oppose themselves.

If God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledgement of the truth maybe God will give them.

Wow! So he said someone is opposing oh this preaching oh this church I don't believe in it I don't believe in Jesus and I hate you Christians I hate you I mean when you meet a Christophobic person a lot of them exist in UK in every way in every nation they are they are Christophobic people very Christophobic some of them are in power politics media they are so Christophobic Christophobic has been longer than any other phobia potentially yeah Christophobia he said when you meet Christophobic people don't blow them up don't slap them don't hate them still preach no this is a great way he said still talk to them per chance talk to them second Timothy he said don't do it with arrogance you know you are going to hell you know no no no he said you see they don't know

Jesus said father forgive them in Luke chapter 23 verse 34 forgive them for they know not what they do they don't know what they are doing forgive them Jesus said forgive them for they don't know what they do forgive them in Acts chapter 3 verse 17 he says that because they are ignorant they were ignorant they don't know what they do so as you preach to Christophobic people he preach to people he said those who oppose with meekness he said in meekness instructing those who oppose themselves you think they are opposing you buy themselves they are opposing that's why you don't have to take it personal those of you who take people's fornication personal what's your problem with meekness because they are themselves they are opposing when someone decides not to come to church it's not you they are opposing it's themselves they are opposing when someone decides not to give in the things of God it's not you it's themselves they are opposing when someone decides to attack a church it's not you they are attacking it's their future they are attacking it says with meekness instructing those that oppose themselves why should you instruct them because they instruct watch this it's teaching it's teaching when you are teaching instructions it will create

God just needs an environment oh yeah God and that environment Jesus is the main one behind it he will just use your preaching he will just use your singing or whatever he has asked you to do he will use that to create an environment so that he can grant somebody in that environment sometimes there will be 20 people and only one person will be granted repentance yeah yeah only one person will receive the donation watch this watch this anybody who repents genuine repentance never starts with you it starts from God it's a gift from God it's a gift from God why how can God do that that is why God had to invite him exalt him as Lord and Savior because without that there's no way he can give that repentance he said instructor pay advantage just in case as you speak

God will use what you are saying to create the environment and say okay all of you are listening to me okay you take donation of repentance then suddenly the other friends are laughing all this rubbish but you are quiet say Lord save me Lord save me from today I repent you might think it's your mind and they might be upset with you how can you believe this it's not you the Lord the boss has kicked in and has granted you a donation has made grant to you which you cannot turn down so that it's more than a holiday package yes he grants you a package you can't turn down and it must be complete madness to turn it down the truth is Charles Spurgeon says some time ago he says that when God is ready to save you he will give you the repentance he will give you a donation of repentance he is not like he said go and preach but what if they don't listen to no when God is ready to save them he will give them the willingness to so even their willingness to listen and obey did not come from you it is God who is at work in you but to will and to do of Philippians chapter 2 verse 13 he works he has to work the willing and the doing of his good pleasure he works it in somebody he works it in you it is not miracles that work in you miracles can create an environment so God can grant you peradventure if God may grant them repentance so he says this Jesus

God has elevated has exalted to his right hand to be prince and savior to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins is all that gives if I were you I would really shout hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah then in the verse 32 they said that we are witnesses of these things Holy Ghost is awesome when they said that the 33 is a very strong thing they were exasperated when the leaders heard this they were exasperated they were cats so when they said your words cats you know these words you know they're cats you know some women when they speak they're cats especially the wives!

yes some people they are moth some men to their words are too sharp it can ruin a woman in their life sharp words cats there are some words when they they said to you you can remain quite calm and okay it will provoke something in you yes to provoke something when that was that they were cats they were cats to the hats right let's read after let's go they were cats to the hat and they were cats to the hat that the original Greek means that it's like they were sown it's like the chainsaw to that's how their hat was they used these words these words these words Peter spoke these words cut them asunder some translation used they were exasperated they were exasperated they were so they said we are going to kill people and so they took counsel let's kill these ones because now they have provoked them to their highest level they couldn't they couldn't what did they do they were just saying the words of life the words that were saving others it was exasperating the leaders that

Greek that's what it means they were fuming and rigid like the way when a dog a lion is ready you know some dogs you go near them and they start you have to back off they were fuming and so let's kill them we are going to kill these guys and there's a man called Gamaliel Gamaliel is highly respected it is like the creme de la creme of Oxford and Cambridge and Yale the best among the highest most intelligent person who is highly respected by any person in Oxford University any person in Cambridge University or Yale or Princeton in fact he was the first and only one to be given the title Rabban Rabban not Rabbi his own was Rabban it's like the supreme teacher when he spoke if you apply for any job and they know that

Gabaliel taught you they said if God may later be approved if you were taught by Gamaliel you are approved Paul was such a one in Acts chapter 22 verse 3 Acts chapter 22 verse 3 Paul said I am verily a man which am a Jew born in Tarsos a city in Cilicia yet brought up in the city at the feet of Gamaliel and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers and was zealous towards God God and was killing the people God Gamaliel taught you and you knew you can't get it wrong and yet you were on the wrong side of God and yet you were working for God and yet on the wrong side of God will you just close this internet and go and get a job you are not!

working for God I'm going to make a few comments about Gamaliel but Gamaliel was so Rabban when you hear Gamaliel everybody oh Rabban Rabban and he was a Pharisee look at the text verse 34 he was a Pharisee and remember it was the Sadducees who were running the show and so the council was largely Sadducees and the high priest and some Pharisees some top top level Pharisees like to have Gamaliel in your council it's the best council the best council the supreme council of their time Gamaliel was there then when they were son in two let's kill them quickly okay they started let's get the soldiers to get the place ready we don't care what the population will say we just have to get rid of this is too much this too much guys calm down calm down then stood up in a

Pharisee named Gamaliel a doctor of the law Dr. Gamaliel his doctorate is a different one yeah yeah his own is PPHD he's a doctor of the law he stood amongst them and he had reputation amongst all the people give us NIV let's see how NIV put it said Gamaliel a Pharisee named Gamaliel a teacher of the law who was honored by all the people stood up in the Sahindrin he was the guy's level of honor was high top man new living translation let's see how he put it by one member a Pharisee named Gamaliel who was an expert in religious law and respected by all the people not some all across the political divide he was when he spoke it's not political he was an expert expert in religious matters so he got up amongst them he said guy new king james he says guys so he spoke he had repetition among all the people and commanded he said let's get the guys out move them out first so they excused the guys and he said to them you men of

Israel be careful about yourself what you intend to do as touching these guys be careful new king! take it to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men they are planning on doing something he got up and said why he said because for some time ago Theodas Theodas rose up claiming to be someone it's always like that online everywhere YouTube they are claiming to be somebody they are claiming to be the one God has sent to sanitize the church they are not even a part of!

church he had 400 followers yeah online when you convert it to this online it can be 40,000 yeah online viewers today I'm going to do live and I'm going to talk to you preaching is not just speaking preaching is not just speaking it's communication of content of spirit so you have to be careful who you listen to because they are transferring what this verse I speak to you they are life spirit and life you are catching the spirit of the one that singer you always been listening to the preacher you always listen to you are catching their spirit the commentator you are catching their spirit so it gets to a time even things that are obvious will elude you because of who you keep listening to basic things that are obvious will elude you you will look at your mother and say my mother is a witch today this is basic common sense if this one was a witch it should your wife want to poison you

God asked Adam who told you you are naked who have you been talking to you have been listening to somebody you have been listening be careful who you listen to and claim that me I know I know I can make up my mind I know no no that mind you if you like open it and hold it it's like jelly!

your mind or the brains are one of the softest things in the body brain brain and all the information is going into your mind through your brain it doesn't matter who I listen to I can always make out my own mind look at where it's taking you now you can't even take your husband you are so bitter against your husband because you went to listen to his girlfriend you wanted information now you got it you got it you got it you got it now you are stuck you are going forward looking back you are going forward you are stuck one basic information that was passed on to you don't think you are invincible as long as what you hear is concerned what you hear will determine who will hear you what you hear will determine the outcome of your what you hear will determine your internal conditions what you hear is what is happening inside you most people will not quarrel they hear something they will just walk away it's because of who they are hearing anybody who abuses a woman has some people is hearing every drug dealer has been listening to some people every wild person who believes what they are not has been listening to somebody ask somebody who have you been listening to the reason why your church life has been downplay or has been compromised is because of who have been listening to since you heard that you see you have stopped giving meanwhile giving is living so do the equation if giving is living and you stop giving yeah it's basic you heard something judas went to have meeting with jesus enemies no wonder he was able to betray jesus and after he finished he came to his senses how could that he went and killed himself because he couldn't have brought himself to have done this so how did he end up doing it how did you end up slapping your mother how did you how did you get there how did you end up hitting a wife you who taught you that if your father hears he said son where did you learn that from who you have been listening to ask somebody who have you!

Gamaliel they listened to Gamaliel and helped them but Gamaliel much as he was intelligent and very learned he didn't have the whole picture let me show you something he told them that theodas came he went Judas of Galilee he also came concerning the taxes he was making a lot of noise and he also perished and all those who obeyed him were dispersed So he says that we have classic examples before our eyes so he told them now I say to you keep away stay away from these men let's stay away and leave them alone for if this plan or this work is of men it will come to nothing that was not entirely true he wasn't lying but it wasn't entirely true there are things that are going on in our society that are not of

[42:26] God and some have gone on for generations this name I always struggle to mention it's not in America Cool schools! Yes Cool Cool Cool KKK Is he of God?

No It's obviously not of God Freemason Is he of God? No We are in church so would you permit me to say Shintoism Hinduism but some of you won't understand so let's leave it and let's take it this there are religions that are dangerous demonic and they've been over 300 years still going 300 years still going so the fact that it has lasted doesn't mean it's of God the fact that something lasts something endures over a period of time is not an accurate representation of the fact that God is in it so I get what he's trying to say the point he was trying to make but if you leave that if it's of God it will stand if it's not of God it will fizzle out you might be wrong you might be wrong you have to take responsibility so that Gamaliel principle was correct but not entirely complete and he said the second one was true he said that but if it is of

God you will find yourself second chronicles chapter 13 verse 12 I think the one I'm looking for let me just make sure I get it from my notes second chronicles you will be fighting against God if this is of God you will find out that 13 verse 12 now look God himself is with us as our head and his priests with sounding trumpets to sound the alarm against you oh children of Israel do not fight against the Lord God of your fathers for you shall not prosper so this is a lawyer this is a doctor he was telling them there's always one outcome of fighting against God you will never be successful you will never be it will fire in your face that one was more scary and that was true he said if this thing is of God have you guys forgotten we threw them in prison they are already back standing in the temple are you not thinking through this how did they come out we couldn't stop them are you not thinking through this so he said if this thing is of God do you think you can fight

God you tell God okay come come because you are karate you've mastered the karate or taekwondo or whatever martial arts let alone God you can fight God you can fight God maybe this relationship thing can I break it closer now I should break it down sometimes parents can fight their children you have to be a medical doctor you have to be you might be fighting God this one is going to be a priest this one is going to you might be fighting God if especially those listen sometimes it's good to apply common sense and wisdom like Gamaliel was trying to do because when you look at certain things you can tell when I'm dealing with the bishop

I observe him very carefully I see temperance of God around a man when you deal with the man of God whose hand is on like people like bishop bishop please be careful you might have disagreement with something but be careful it doesn't mean they will be entirely right or perfect but they might be wrong in many things that you disagree with be careful when you are about to crush them because you might be fighting something God actually is in so one of the rule of thumb is I always I'm careful when I'm dealing with someone because I look out for the signs of God so that means that when you want to deal with especially a church and try and do a bit of research about the signs of God and if you see I can see please back off because you might be

[47:13] I think I'm talking to some leader or some politician or some journalist or somebody you might be fighting God and you will pay with your life your family your finances and the biggest aspect is your health anybody who fights the work of God pays one way or the other you never go free even though if it doesn't get recorded sometimes it won't be recorded to pass the information to others so you will have a lot of evidence of people who fought against God what happened to them God only tells the story of his plan what he's doing he only shows you!

he doesn't have time to talk about what he's not doing he's backfired on people he shows you what he's doing may you stay on the side of God recently we went for leaders camp and I made a statement and I said this blessed me I said God always takes sides don't forget that that didn't come from my research it came from insights God will always take when it came to Paul and Barnabas God called them together but when they separated we will find out whose side God took by whose story God decided to stay on to be talking about Barnabas fizzled out Paul Bible says that look at what Bible says in Acts 15 verse 39 14 says and the believers the brethren commended Paul and Salas to the grace of God how about Barnabas Bible said he went to Cyprus that by Paul but none of them was wrong really no none of them was wrong but the contention as soon as one separated from the other he fizzled out let it

God the Lord is on my listen when people are fighting don't be too quick to find out who is correct even though it's wise to do that but choose to stay on the side of who God is stay on whose side God is or who is on God's side if a son is fighting his father and it's a brutal fight and it's gone into court and the father says how do I know who God is if a son fights his father God is not in that one God is not in that one Gamaliel said if you are not careful you fight against God and you know we and they listened they heeded to Gamaliel they said and Bible said they agreed with him and when they called the apostles they how much they were angry they beat them yes these people were wild they said no no no these guys we need to teach them where power lies we need to teach them where power lies so they called them

Gamaliel let's be careful you don't fight against God they called them and they beat them the apostles and beating! he says that so I say Lord they know that in every synagogue are imprisoned and beat people can beat you so he said they warned them hello and then they listen to them and they beat him look at Matthew chapter 10 verse 17 it says that but beware of men for this Jesus talking they will deliver you up to the council and scorch the same thing beat you in their synagogues they are doing all this in the synagogue they will beat you in the synagogue Matthew chapter 23 verse 38 he said the people you stone them and some of them you beat them

Matthew chapter 23 verse 34 says that indeed I send you prophets wise men and scribes some of them you killed and crucified some of them you scorched so the beating of people go sins is normal so I'm just telling you get ready praise God all right let's let's let's I want to finish the text quickly so that's verse 38 verse 38 they beat them verse 39 let's look at the text again it says that and they agreed with them and they beat them and then what did they do they commanded them that the same problem they should not speak in the name of Jesus and let them go look at what happened the verse 41 so they departed from the presence of the council rejoicing that they were counted worthy worthy they saw it worthy to suffer for his name to suffer shame to suffer dishonor for the name of the

[52:24] God honored man but man dishonored man man dishonored Jesus God honored him and they were happy to be dishonored for this so some translations who use the word not shame but dishonor they suffered dishonor they suffered shame for the name say the name say the name suffered shame for his name in first Peter chapter four verse 14 let's read here from the screen let's go!

if he had disgrace reproach dishonored for the name of Christ for the name of Christ it's not a strange thing for the name of Christ if you are reproached if you are dishonored if you have been put to shape for the name of Christ in Acts chapter 9 excuse me verse 16 when God was calling Paul told Adanias I will show him I show him how many things he must suffer for what for my name sake I will show him how many in John chapter 15 verse 21 these are the words of Jesus Christ John 15 21 but all these things they will do to you why for my name sake so the apostles knew that something was going to come on them for the name of Christ for the sake of his!

in! chapter they left rejoicing that they are counted worthy to suffer their focus was not the suffering but their focus was the fact that they were also dying they had been accepted okay you are qualified to suffer for my name and they said that's the breakthrough to be qualified they saw the challenge the suffering in a positive light it was suffering but they saw it as I'm suffering for Jesus that's okay and guess what last verse they went to the temple and daily in the temple the same temple they said don't preach again they went back to the temple because an angel has commanded them go stand and speak in the temple so they went in the temple and in every house now they added houses house to house in the temple and in every house does that mean it's a metaphor doesn't mean every single house they were in but every house available they got themselves in what would they do they did not see to teach and teaching and preaching so teaching is not the same as preaching teaching didasko the

Greek word teaching didasko or kerizo and preaching teach and preach to teach is to explain to expound to instruct the didasko to give instructions okay and didactic so give instructions to show how to and then to preach is to announce so we don't teach the gospel we announce the gospel we announce it went everywhere announce it he's come he's come or another way of preaching which is kerizo is to exhort yes you can you can rise up and overcome you can overcome that's not teaching that's exhortation which is different also from announcing behold the bride that is telling somebody about good news that is happening and so they went and they combined Jesus was a teacher and a preacher they combined teaching and preaching because they have to speak about the words of this life nobody can stop it why because

Jesus why would they have to speak Jesus wants to grant somebody repentance and forgiveness of sins that's why all this preaching I'm doing is to help somebody to realize that God has a donation to make this money and it's not money it's a donation of repentance if you are the one God has targeted you will know in your heart as I'm preaching that God is doing something to me God is working in me God is donating repentance and forgiveness of sins and also I'm preaching because God is helping somebody to know anytime you obey him you create the room for him to donate repentance and forgiveness of sins did you receive something let's appreciate Jesus thank you for listening to this message by David entry we pray you have been revived towards

[57:19] God you can connect with David entry on all relevant social media platforms including Instagram and LinkedIn you can also hear more messages from David entry on all relevant streaming platforms and the Carriage Church app don't forget to like and share the message be blessed