

## Faith in the Public Square

Ac 5:17-41

### A bold confession

### Post-Christian cities in America (Barna)

#### WHEN FAITH AND CULTURE COLLIDE:

1. **Opposition may mean you are in the will of God, not out of it** (17-20)

Going to jail doesn't always mean you're the bad guy.

Our responsibility: obedience to God

2. **Explosive responses should be expected.** (17,18,33)

1 Peter 4:12

We must stand against those who deny us obedience to God and His Word.

3. **Submission to the authorities does not silence us.** (27-32,42)

It may involve resisting the laws and accepting the consequences.

Are we submitted to Christ with holy boldness?

4. **Scorn or judgment is still subject to divine intervention!** (19-26, 34-40a)

Jail break

Gamaliel's wisdom

God may, but does not always, intervene.

5. **Joy in Christ is not dependent upon political support** (29,41)

The Apostles filled Jerusalem with the gospel despite opposition. Let's do the same!

**Take it Home**