**8** This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to recite it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.

Joshua 1:8 (HCSB)



6 Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

#### Philippians 4:6 (HCSB)



### Acts Part 13

# "Courageous Obedience"



17 But the high priest stood up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy. 18 They laid hands on the apostles and put them in a public prison.



**19 But during the night an angel of** the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and leading them out, he said, 20 "Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple area the whole message of this Life."



21 Upon hearing *this*, they entered into the temple area about daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest and his associates came, they called the Council together, that is, all the Senate of the sons of Israel, and sent orders to the prison for them to be brought.



22 But the officers who came did not find them in the prison; and they returned and reported, 23 saying, "We found the prison locked quite securely and the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened *them*, 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 standing in the temple area 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 had them stand before the Council.



The high priest interrogated them, 28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this Man's blood upon us."



24 Now when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; you yourselves shall see." 25 And all the people replied, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!"

Matthew 27:24-25 (NASB)



**29 But Peter and the apostles** answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you put to death 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.



24 The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, skillful in teaching, patient when wronged, 25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition,

2 Timothy 2:24-26 (NASB)

if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:24-26 (NASB)

18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has also granted to the Gentiles the repentance *that leads* to life."

Acts 11:18 (NASB)

**32 And we are witnesses of these** things; and *so is* the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him." 33 But when they heard this, they became infuriated and nearly decided to execute them.



34 But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law, respected by all the people, stood up in the Council and gave orders to put the men outside for a short time. 35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, be careful as to what you are about to do with these men.



**36 For, some time ago Theudas** appeared, claiming to be somebody, and a group of about four hundred men joined him. But he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.



**37** After this man, Judas of Galilee appeared in the days of the census and drew away *some* people after him; he also perished, and all those who followed him were scattered.

38 And so in the present case, I say to you, stay away from these men and leave them alone, for if the source of this plan or movement is men, it will be overthrown; 39 but if the source is God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found fighting against God."



40 They followed his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and *then* released them.

41 So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for *His* name.

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in this same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:11-12 (NASB)



42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not stop teaching and preaching the good news of Jesus *as* the Christ.



16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

#### Romans 1:16 (NASB)

