

(Clip) Gospel Preaching Is Unstoppable

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Duration: 2:28

Scripture: Acts 5:40, Romans 8:1, Galatians 5:1, 1 Peter 4:16, Philippians 1:28

Topics: "Freedom in Faith", "Joy in Suffering"

Description

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Transcript

An illustration from the New Testament of the call-out culture, the outrage culture, the canceling culture, the shaming culture, because it's right there in Acts chapter 5. The Jewish Sanhedrin is trying to silence, silence. You claim that Jesus is the Christ, we want you silenced. So they, what do they do? I'll read it to you, this is verses 40 and 41 of Acts 5. They beat them, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus and let them go.

And listen to this, how you gonna do on this? They left the presence of the council rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. That's serious joy setting them free. Because what they do the next day? I love radical Christians.

They did not cease teaching and preaching that Jesus is the Christ. Free, free, free. How? They went out rejoicing that they were shamed.

Come on, come on, we're not gonna play games like this. We're not gonna say, oh they shamed me, oh they shamed me, I'm gonna sue them. Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

Come on Christians, we're not playing this cultural game. We are free people, we're not controlled by shaming, we're not controlled by being called out, we're not controlled by being canceled. Cancel me, make my day.

Jesus has an open door, no cancellation, no condemnation. Come on, we're not going to be copycats of this culture.

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