

1. Re-read Acts 5:17-42. The apostles clearly understood their calling (see vv. 29-32). What are some indications in the passage and its surrounding context that the early church was committed to "dangerous living" and communicating a "deliberate message"?

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2. In his introduction, Jon Casbohm compared the Gospel to an engagement ring. How is his analogy fitting?

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3. Luke concludes chapter 5 by summarizing the early church's success in its Christian witness. Three characteristics were indicated as being instrumental in this success: consistency, courage, and completeness. In your own words, explain each trait. What are the "problems" that impair these traits in your life? What keeps you from sharing the Gospel?

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4. How would you summarize the Gospel? Specifically, where would you turn in scripture to find it and share it? What are some ways we can rekindle the flames of excitement for the Gospel and become more courageous in sharing our faith? How can we encourage each other in our evangelistic efforts?

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Homework for Sunday: Ezra 7

