

Scripture References from the Sermon

Explicitly Mentioned References:

1. **Acts 4:27-31** - Prayer about Pontius Pilate and speaking with boldness
2. **Acts 5:11-16** - Great fear after Ananias and Sapphira; apostles performing miracles; Peter's shadow healing people
3. **Acts 5:17-42** - Arrest of apostles, angel freeing them, appearing before Sanhedrin, Gamaliel's speech, flogging and rejoicing
4. **Acts 4:36** (referenced in context of Gamaliel's speech about Theudas and Judas)
5. **Acts 21** - Prophet warning Paul about going to Jerusalem
6. **2 Corinthians 4, 5, and 6** - Living by faith not by sight; Paul's sufferings

Alluded to References:

7. **John 3** - Nicodemus and being "born again"
8. **Matthew 28:19-20** - Great Commission (go into all the world, make disciples, teaching them to observe all things)
9. **Matthew 6:33** - "Seek first the kingdom of God"
10. **Hebrews 3:13** - "Encourage one another daily as you see that Christ is coming back soon"
11. **Luke 14:26-27** - Unless you forsake family and take up your cross
12. **Matthew 22:30** - No marriage in heaven; will be like angels
13. **2 Timothy 1:7** - "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and self-control"
14. **Luke 15:7, 10** - Angels rejoicing when a sinner repents
15. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** - "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances"
16. **Matthew 5:11-12** - Blessed when persecuted; rejoice for great is your reward in heaven
17. **John 1:11** - "He came to his own, and they wouldn't receive him"

18. **Hebrews 12:14** - "Without holiness no one will see God"
19. **Matthew 10:16** - "I send you out as sheep among wolves"

Suggested Related Verses for Main Themes:

On Boldness in Witnessing:

- Acts 1:8
- Romans 1:16
- Philippians 1:20

On Counting the Cost:

- Luke 9:23-24
- Luke 14:28-33

On Not Losing Heart:

- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Galatians 6:9

On Living by Faith:

- 2 Corinthians 5:7
- Hebrews 11:1

On Persecution and Suffering:

- 2 Timothy 3:12
- 1 Peter 4:12-14
- Romans 8:18