

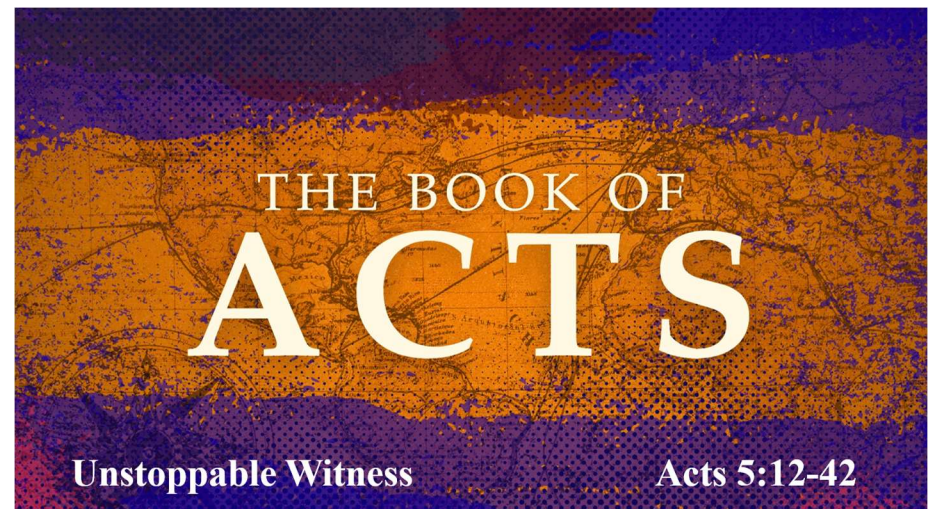
## Vs. 40-42 – Pain Couldn't Stop Them

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1. The apostles didn't just endure suffering — they *rejoiced* in it. *Why do you think suffering for Christ produced joy instead of resentment?*
2. How does the apostles' attitude toward pain challenge your own expectations about following Jesus?
3. The beating they received was severe — far beyond anything most American Christians will ever experience. *How should believers in comfort respond when we read about believers elsewhere (like Nigeria) who suffer intensely for Christ?*
4. Verse 42 says they *did not* cease teaching and preaching. *What would it look like for you to live with that level of consistency in your witness?*
5. What practical steps can you take this week to speak about Jesus with more clarity, courage, and love?

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# Sermon Discussion Points for



Calvary Chapel Groups

Sunday, November 30, 2025



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### Read Acts 5:12-42

Peter and the other apostles found themselves facing continued and increasingly brutal opposition to their witness for Christ. Despite prison, intimidation, and physical beatings, their witness could not be stopped. What would it look like for us to have an unstoppable witness for Christ? If someone were gathering evidence to convict you of being a follower of Jesus, what evidence would they find?

### Vs. 17-21 – Prison Couldn't Stop Them

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1. Jealousy motivated the rulers to imprison the apostles. *What do you think motivates opposition to Christians today?*
2. The apostles were threatened with loss — freedom, comfort, safety. *Which of these losses would be most difficult for you to risk for the sake of the gospel? Why?*
3. When the angel freed them, the apostles immediately went back to preaching. *What does that reveal about their priorities and convictions?*
4. What “fear of loss” most often silences your witness — and what would it look like to surrender that fear to God?
5. If bold witness for Christ cost you your job, an opportunity, or your comfort, how would you respond?

### Vs. 22-29 – People Couldn't Stop Them

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1. The rulers thought intimidation would work. *Who are the people in your life whose opinions or disapproval most affect your witness??*
2. Why is it that the people closest to us can be the hardest to openly share our faith with?
3. Peter's answer — “We must obey God rather than men” — is bold and clear. *What situations in your life require that kind of obedience right now?*
4. Have you ever compromised obedience to God because you feared someone's reaction? What happened?
5. What would “obeying God rather than men” look like in your workplace, school, or family?

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