When The Gospel Gets Costly

(will you sill share your faith?)

Text: Acts 5:17-42

Introduction

1) They Enjoyed The _____ From Christ

A. There was no _____ of their opportunity

- Romans 12:2 "2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

B. The _____ is the purpose of every open door

2) They Enjoyed The _____ Of Christ

A. Knowing their _____ motivated their obedience to their King

a) After finding out that their prisoners had escaped, *"they doubted of them whereunto this would grow."*

b) The religious leaders believed that their threats should have been enough to silence their message

- Luke 6:22 "22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake."
- Matthew 12:30 "30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."
- Ephesians 1:7 "7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"

3) They Enjoyed The _____ Of Christ

A. They believed Jesus was worth the discomfort

- "counted worthy" = to be considered worthy v. — to be or become considered as worthwhile, honorable, or proper (for receiving some privilege).
- "suffer shame" = to be dishonored (state) v. — to be or become characterized by shame, dishonor, and a lack of respect.

Conclusion

We may never be asked to give our blood for the gospel, but every one of us is being asked to give up our comfort.
If following Jesus and telling somebody about Jesus costs me something—will I still do it?