In God We Trust

Greg Kline · Acts 5:12–42

INTRODUCTION

- The problem is if we have been distracted from the true issue, and that is there is spiritual lives at stake.
- A sign, a phrase, doesn't mean anything if the actions don't back it up.
- What is the Christian reaction to this type of decision in this world and in this country where this ruling has come down?

1 Go, Stand, and Speak the Words of This Life

Acts 5:17–21; Acts 5:25–28

- An angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.
- They're to go, stand, and speak. They're to speak about the words of this life. That is eternal life.
- They were teaching the name of Jesus. They had been told explicitly not to teach the name of Jesus.
- They were making an impact. They were making a difference.

2 Trust Like the Apostles: Obey God Rather Than Men

Acts 5:29–32; Acts 4:12

- But Peter and the Apostles answered, We must obey God rather than men.
- There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.
- God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.
- They saw Jesus. They saw him resurrected, and so their faith would not be moved. Their trust in the Lord would not budge.

3 A Wonderful, Powerful Picture of God

Isaiah 40:12–15

- Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span?
- Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket and are accounted as the dust on the scales.
- We likewise have our faith not in anything like man, nothing like idolatry, nothing like something that we can truly understand. Our God is so great that he cannot fail.

4 Trust in the Lord With All Your Heart

Proverbs 3:5–6; Acts 5:29

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart. And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him, and he will make straight your path.
- Trust that God knows what's best.

- Recognize God is behind everything. As Christians, God is our source of everything.
- We must obey God rather than men. Why is that? Because God is eternal.

5 The World Doesn't Need Legislation, It Needs Salvation

Acts 5:30–31; Philippians 2

- Brothers and sisters, the world doesn't need legislation. It needs salvation.
- Seek the Lord, not political ideologies. Our faith, our trust needs to be in God.
- Not 90% in God and 10% in man, but 100% in the Lord.
- We don't need the Supreme Court. We need the Supreme Ruler. We don't need the president. We need the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
- This is not an abandonment of our government. Brothers and sisters, we need to honor those who are elected. We need to pray for those who are in charge.

6 They Did Not Cease Teaching and Preaching

Acts 5:40–42

- We need to stop lamenting where the country was and start focusing on where all the lost souls are.
- And every day in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.
- I have an obligation not to go into a voting booth alone, but to stand on the street corners and turn to my fellow employee and tell him, have you heard the good news?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Did I even start teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus? If I haven't, what is my problem?**

MY NOTES