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¹³The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. ¹⁴But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say. ¹⁵So they ordered Peter and John out of the council chamber and conferred among themselves. ¹⁶“What should we do with these men?” they asked each other. “We can’t deny that they have performed a miraculous sign, and everybody in Jerusalem knows about it. ¹⁷But to keep them from spreading their propaganda any further, we must warn them not to speak to anyone in Jesus’ name again.” ¹⁸So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? ²⁰“We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.” ²¹The council then threatened them further, but they finally let them go because they didn’t know how to punish them without starting a riot. For everyone was praising God ²²for this miraculous sign—the healing of a man who had been lame for more than forty years.”

Acts 4:13-22

Unbelief Encounters A Miracle

1. Their _____ v. 13-14
2. Their _____ v. 15-16
3. Their _____ v. 17-18

The Christian And Civil Disobedience

Christians should submit themselves to the government because...

1. Resisting _____ is Resisting _____ Romans 13:1-7
2. Obeying _____ is Obeying _____ 1 Peter 2:13-14
3. Obeying _____ Is Part of our _____ 1 Peter 2:15-17

Persecution, Power, & Prayer

The violation of the principle of submission to Government is a last resort that can only be justified in two cases.

1. When the government commands you to _____ that God says you _____ Exodus 1:15-17
2. When the government forbids you from _____ that God says you _____ Acts 4:18-20, Acts 5:28-29

The Church’s Response To Persecution

When the church experienced persecution, their first response was prayer. . .

1. _____ Him for His _____ Acts 4:24-26
2. Expressing _____ in His _____ Acts 4:27-28
3. Asking _____ for His _____ Acts 4:29-31

Memory Verse

“Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”
2 Timothy 3:12

MY NEXT STEP IS TO. . .

- ☐ Commit my life to Jesus Christ by receiving Him as my Lord and Savior for the first time
- ☐ Ask God to help me to live a godly life
- ☐ Begin to pray for the persecuted church around the world
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- ☐ Memorize 2 Timothy 3:12

