

When the main religious leader reminded them of his previous warning not to preach, Peter and the apostles replied "Obedience to God comes before obedience to men. God raised Jesus up to be the Savior. We are witnesses to this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God gives to those who obey him". This made the leaders so angry that they wanted to kill the apostles.

Jesus, please help me put obedience to you before all other obediences

Chapter 5 (34 - 42)

One religious leader at the meeting, Gamaliel, asked that the apostles be removed from the room.

Then he spoke to the other leaders:

"Men of Israel, be careful how you deal with these people. If this movement of theirs is of human origin, it will die out of its own accord. But if it comes from God, you will not be able to destroy it. You might even find yourselves fighting against God".

His advice was accepted. The apostles were warned, flogged and released.

They left the meeting glad to have had the honor of suffering humiliation for the sake of Jesus.

They resumed their daily preaching, in the Temple and in private homes.

Jesus, thank you for times of suffering for you