



## **“The Unstoppable Movement” – Acts 5:17-39**

**This Sunday, we saw that following Jesus and obeying Him can result in experiencing opposition from others. Even though we are serving Jesus, the opposition can be discouraging. Ultimately, it is intended to get in the way of our efforts to serve God.**

Read **Acts 13:44-51** as it describes when the Apostle Paul was opposed in doing God’s work.

Describe some opposition that you have faced in the past or are currently facing that made it hard to do what is right.

Opposition can come from people or our circumstances. How does the source of the opposition we face change the way that you address it, whether from people or circumstances?

How can we keep from being discouraged in doing God’s work when we experience opposition?

**Read Romans 13:1-7 regarding Christian’s obligation to authorities and government. Peter told the religious leaders in Acts 5:29 that they must obey God rather than man.**

When is it right to disobey human authority?

Describe a time when obeying or pleasing another person would have been contrary to obeying God. How would you advise someone else facing a similar situation?

**Brian explained that an outgoing personality isn't necessary to be bold about Jesus. Boldness is a result of our confidence in the truth we share and the Holy Spirit's power and leading.**

Describe a time when you exhibited boldness about Jesus.

**Acts 5:33** tells us that the Sanhedrin Council was enraged by the apostle's boldness. Alternatively, the apostle's boldness made a positive impact according to **Acts 5:14**.

How was your boldness received by others in the situation that you described above?

How has your boldness for Jesus changed over the years as a believer?

What experiences have either encouraged or discouraged your boldness for Jesus?

What would help you to live as a bolder witness for Jesus?

What other traits do you need, along with boldness, when talking to others about Jesus?

**As we conclude, pray that we respond to opposition with the right attitude and that we grow in the areas of our faith that are needed to be bold about Jesus.**