

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Group Sign-Up

From October 29 through November 19, everyone at NewDay is invited to participate in a 4 week small group discussing the book *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan. If you are interested in being involved in a small group, please sign-up using this QR code.



Alpha Meets Monday Evenings

6:00-8:00 pm at Taco JED

Alpha is a community gathering over a meal while discussing faith and life's big questions. All are welcome. Contact derek@newdaycov.org to get involved.

NewDay Kids Afternoon at the Apple Orchard

On Sunday, October 15, NewDay kids are invited to spend an afternoon at the apple orchard! We'll meet at Northwoods Orchard at 2 pm. RSVP to melinda@newdaycov.org.

NEWDAY WEEKLY EMAIL

If you would like to receive NewDay's Weekly Email, with information about upcoming community opportunities, write your name and email here, rip it off, and leave this at the Offering Table in the back.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP GATHERING

"And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the first born from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy."
Colossians 1:18

NEWDAY COVENANT CHURCH

A New Day for NewDay

A look into why we gather, from the book of Acts



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October 1, 2023
Pastor Kari Jacott
When the Going Gets Tough...Then What?

SCRIPTURE READING

Select Verses from Acts 5:12-42

12 The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. 13 No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. 14 Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. 15 As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. 16 Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

17 Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. 18 They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. 20 "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."

[...] 25 Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." 26 At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

27 The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. 28 "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

29 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! 30 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. 31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

33 When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. 34 But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. 35 Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. [...] 38 Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. 39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."

41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

NOTES

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- If someone was going to wonder about what is holding our church community together, what would people see?
- The Holy Spirit and the unity of the Holy Spirit was the unifying factor for the early church that caused everyone to take note that something truly magnificent was happening. Will you join in prayer this week, for us as a church body to be unified and empowered by the Holy Spirit to testify to the power of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and serve others in Jesus' Name?
- The apostles experience opposition in the form of arrest and being beaten. They also experience a supernatural deliverance, with encouragement to keep testifying about Jesus, and they are to tell the people the full message of this new life (literally, "all the words of this life").
- If you would have this same opportunity to tell someone about this new life, all the words of this life in Jesus Christ, what would you say?
- Pray for God to give you courage to share the hope and truth of "all the words of this life" to someone you will encounter this week, about your hope in Jesus.
- Have you experienced opposition that was directed at your faith in Jesus?
- Reflect on this, and how you initially reacted and felt? What did you do?
- Consider what Jesus says in the Beatitudes, Matthew 5:10-16. What encouragement do you receive as you read these words?
- How will you view opposition and difficulty when it comes to your Christian faith in light of Acts 5:12-42?

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