

**CHURCH – THE WAY IT’S SUPPOSED TO BE**  
**“Power and Persecution”**  
**Acts 5:12-42**

In this episode, the apostles’ ministry soared to new heights with displays of miraculous power, signs, wonders, and healings. People brought their sick and demonized to the apostles in Jerusalem and they were healed. However, this didn’t happen without intense opposition. Powerful ministry is always met with persecution.

#1. THE APOSTLES’ MINISTRY WENT \_\_\_\_\_ WITH  
SPIRITUAL \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 12-16

- A. The anointing of the Holy spirit
- B. The purging of sin in the church, Acts 5:1-11
- C. The fear of the Lord gripped the people

#2. THE APOSTLES’ MINISTRY BROUGHT \_\_\_\_\_,  
vv. 17-18

- A. The Sadducees were filled with jealousy
- B. The apostles were arrested and thrown in jail
- C. The apostles were to stand trial before the Sanhedrin

#3. THE APOSTLES’ MINISTRY HAD ANGELIC \_\_\_\_\_,  
vv. 19-26

- A. The angel of the Lord let them out
- B. The angel told them: “speak all the words of this life”
- C. The Sadducees & the guards were baffled

#4. THE APOSTLES’ MINISTRY \_\_\_\_\_  
THE GOSPEL, vv. 27-33

- A. They said: we must obey God rather than men
- B. The gospel: the death of Jesus- hung him on a tree
- C. The gospel: the resurrection of Jesus
- D. The gospel: the exaltation of Jesus
- E. The gospel: the offer of repentance & forgiveness
- F. The apostles are eyewitnesses & so is the Holy Spirit
- G. The Sanhedrin erupted in anger & wanted them dead

#5. THE APOSTLES’ MINISTRY \_\_\_\_\_ JOY IN SPITE OF  
THE \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 40-42

- A. The Sanhedrin listened to Gamaliel’s advise
- B. They had the apostles flogged
- C. They ordered them to stop teaching the name of Jesus
- D. The apostles rejoiced because the Lord found them worthy to suffer for the name
- E. They kept proclaiming Jesus is the Christ – the Messiah!

NOTES:

ANSWERS: Viral, Power, Persecution, Participants, Persistently,  
Propagated, Produced, Physical Pain.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY**

Pastor Bruce will lead us as we gather at the Lord's table and celebrate his goodness to us. He will also bring a message from the book of Acts.

### **NEXT WEEK**

Pastor Bruce will continue his teaching in Acts from chapter 6.

### **THIS IS LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

Enjoy the holiday! For those of you who are traveling be safe. We are grateful to God for our jobs and the prosperity we have.

### **AIR CONDITIONING INSTALLED**

The new AC is installed and fully operational. We would appreciate any donations to the building fund to pay for it. Details of the finances are available at the SPOT.

### **MISSION'S WEEKEND – SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2025**

On September 21 Hillcrest will be hosting City Church for lunch after worship. This is part of the annual mission's conference. Please sign up at the Spot to bring salads or cookies. The church will be providing sandwich platters. More information is available at the SPOT.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary at the SPOT. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online ([hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)). Support our missionaries through the Great Commission Fund (GCF).

### **CONGREGATIONAL INTERACTION**

The board is compiling the data and will present their findings to you in a couple of weeks. Thanks for your patience.

# *Welcome to Hillcrest Church Generation Next - 2025 & Beyond!*

*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.*

*Acts 5:42*

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