Lesson Five: Confrontation

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The	e Sanhedrin's first warning (read verses 4:1-22)
-	The Sanhedrin did not doubt that a healing had occurred; they only wanted to know by what authority the apostles were preaching and healing. Specifically, what did Peter claim about Jesus (4:8-12)?
-	Peter and John had done nothing wrong, and the Sanhedrin couldn't deny the miracle, so at this point they could only issue a command and warning (4:13-18). How did Peter and John respond (4:19-20)?
-	Peter and John were committed to obeying God rather than the Jewish leaders when commands conflicted. What had the Lord commanded them to do (see 1:8)?
The	e believer's prayer (read verses 4:23-31)
	How do the believers respond to the Sanhedrin's threats?
5)	What do they confess about God? Write down as many observations as you can.
6)	What do they ask God to do (4:29-30)?
7)	What attitudes, priorities, and feelings does the prayer reflect?
Ga	maliel's counsel (read verses 5:12-42)
•	Peter said that the apostles were witnesses to Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection, and exaltation and were testifying to these facts through teaching and miracles (5:12-16, 21). How was the Holy Spirit witnessing to Jesus' identity?
	Dozens of movements and revolts had arisen and dissolved in the last few decades; what conclusion did Gamaliel draw from his two examples (5:35-39)?
10)	How did the apostles respond to their sufferings (5:41-42)?

✓	How can you apply the attitudes in 4:24-30 to your own prayer life? Describe at least one example of how you could apply the apostles' example in your own dealings with authorities or unbelievers.
✓	Explain in your own words what Peter says about Jesus in 5:31. How is Jesus your Prince and Savior? How can you treat Him like this?
✓	What one example set by the early believers would you like to apply during the weeks ahead? What action can you take to take this insight to heart and put it into practice?