



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Acts 5:27-33**

When the court officers had brought the Apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them,

“We gave you strict orders did we not, to stop teaching in that name.

Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man’s blood upon us.”

But Peter and the Apostles said in reply,

“We must obey God rather than men.

The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree.

God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins.

We are witnesses of these things,

as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

When they heard this,  
they became infuriated and wanted to put them to death.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, cannot help but proclaim the truth about Jesus Christ. Prison, beatings, hatred - nothing will stop he and his companion witnesses. Why? Because they MUST be faithful to God, not man. If only we could be so resolute.

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## **Food for your Journey**

If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom yet deprecate agitation are men who want crops without plowing up the ground; they want rain without thunder or lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters.

--Frederick Douglass, address on West India Emancipation, August 4, 1857.

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, please give me courage so that I may witness to You through my words and actions despite the cost. Amen.

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