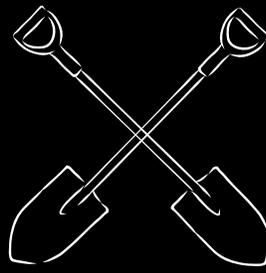


# DIGGING DEEPER



SUNDAY  
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**“Set Free for a Purpose”**  
ACTS 5:17-41 NKJV

## SYNOPSIS

Being set free in Jesus is not only an amazing blessing, it is an opportunity to take part in the growth of God’s Kingdom. Continuing in our verse-by-verse study through the book of Acts called “The Speedway”, Pastor Tim teaches a follow up message from Chapter 5 entitled “Set Free for a Purpose” that includes 3 takeaways from God’s Word that we can apply in our lives.

When you are set free in Jesus...

- 1) Know that you were set free for a purpose
- 2) Your trust in Him will build and give you faith/strength for future trials
- 3) So long as you abide in Christ, nothing can stop you

We hope this message encourages you to approach life with the purpose that God has created you for, which is to know Him and make Him known to everyone He puts in your path!

## “THE SPEEDWAY: FUEL UP”

### KEY VERSE

*“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

ACTS 1:8 NKJV

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**1) Text:** Acts 5:41

**Cross-References:** Philippians 1:29; Colossians 1:24; Romans 5:3–5

**Discuss:** The apostles rejoice that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. How can suffering become a badge of honor without becoming a pride trap? What does Philippians 1:29 mean by suffering being “granted”? How does Romans 5:3–5 describe the chain reaction God can produce through hardship?

**2) Text:** Acts 5:33

**Cross-References:** John 15:18–20; Acts 7:54; Psalm 37:12

**Discuss:** Why does truth often provoke rage instead of repentance (Acts 7:54)? According to Jesus, what should believers expect when faithfully representing Him in a hostile world (John 15:18–20)? How does this reality challenge modern expectations of cultural acceptance?

**3) Text:** John 8:31–36

**Cross-References:** Romans 6:16–18; Galatians 5:1; Titus 2:11–14

**Discuss:** How does Jesus define true freedom, and why does He link it directly to abiding in His word? According to Romans 6, what does it mean to be a “slave” before and after salvation? How does grace both free us from sin and train us for obedience (Titus 2:11–14)?

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## FAMILY DISCUSSION *(Questions for your middle-school or high-school children)*

**Text:** Acts 5:20

**Cross-References:** John 6:63; John 10:10; 1 John 1:1–2

**Discuss:** Why does Scripture describe the gospel as “life” rather than merely information or belief? How does Jesus define true life in John 10:10, and how does that contrast with cultural definitions of freedom and fulfillment?

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## REFLECTIONS

1) Don’t limit your faith to church attendance. Look for opportunities to speak truth both in everyday conversations and in intentional relationships (Acts 5:42; Romans 10:14).

2) Evaluate your week: does your schedule reflect dependence on Christ or self-sufficiency? Fruitfulness flows from spending time in God’s word (John 15:4–5).

3) God set you free for a purpose, where has your life drifted toward comfort instead of calling? Identify one area where you’ve been “sitting on the couch” spiritually instead of stepping into obedience (Eph. 2:10).

### RESOURCES

**Need Prayer?** Email [prayer@412temecula.com](mailto:prayer@412temecula.com)

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