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Romans 10:14

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PETER CONTINUED TO PREACH

Acts 4

WHY DOES GOD COMMAND CHRISTIANS TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS? WE TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS SO THEY WILL HEAR AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS.

Peter and John were at the temple. Peter had healed a man and was preaching. The religious leaders came up to them. They were annoyed that Peter was teaching about Jesus, so they put Peter and John in jail until the next day. Still, many of the people who heard their message believed in Jesus and were saved.

The next day, the religious leaders got together along with the high priest and his family. Peter and John stood before them, and they asked, "By what power or in what name have you been healing and teaching?"

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit. We want you and all the people of Israel to know that he was healed by the power of Jesus. You nailed Jesus to a cross, but God raised Him from the dead. It is because of Him that this man is healed!"

The religious leaders were amazed, and they didn't know what to say. They ordered Peter and John to never preach or teach in the name of Jesus again.

Peter and John said, "We cannot be quiet. We must tell people about what we have seen and heard." The religious leaders had no reason to punish Peter and John, so they let them go. Peter and John met with other believers and prayed that God would give them power to speak boldly and without fear.

Christ Connection: Peter continued to preach about Jesus even when it was difficult. Not even the religious leaders could stop Jesus' followers from sharing the good news about Jesus. The gospel is great news that we must share if we believe in Jesus Christ.

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Acts 4-5

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A large group of believers met together in Jerusalem. They shared everything they had. If someone had more than he needed, he gladly gave it away so everyone had what he needed.

One man, Barnabas, sold a field and gave the money to the apostles. The apostles used the money to help people in need. Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, sold some land and pretended to give all of the money to the apostles, but they kept some of it for themselves.

When Ananias brought the money to the apostles, Peter asked him, "Why are you lying to the Holy Spirit? You could have been honest, but instead you lied—not to us, but to God." When Ananias heard this, he fell down, died, and was buried.

About three hours later, Sapphira came to the apostles. She did not know what had happened to her husband. Peter asked her, "Is this all the money you got for the land?"

"Yes," she said. "That's all of it."

Peter said, "Why did you and your husband agree to test the Lord?" Then Sapphira fell dead too. Great fear came on everyone in the church and all who heard about these things.

Christ Connection: Ananias and Sapphira wanted to look generous, but they were greedy and chose to lie. The Holy Spirit changes our hearts to want to share with those in need. Jesus generously gave all He had so we can share in His riches and have forgiveness and eternal life.

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