

Fear seized the newly formed Church. They had just witnessed God's dramatic judgment on Ananias and Sapphira for lying about their property sale profit (Acts 5:1-11). The importance of obedience to God was quickly defining the future of this growing family of believers.

And now, the apostles were infused with the power of God to perform signs and wonders. In amazement, crowds gathered as the sick were healed and the demonized delivered. Throngs of people believed and embraced the gospel.

But opposition from religious leaders arose. The apostles were thrown into jail. It was a crossroads of faith. After an angelic deliverance from their prison cell, they had no doubt when threats again were leveled at them: "We must obey God rather than human beings!" (5:29).

Although they were eventually flogged for their gospel persistence, they rejoiced at being "counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name" (5:41). They never stopped proclaiming Jesus as Messiah!

Radical obedience unleashes movements of God. Now is the time for a great awakening to Christ in this nation, birthed by the prayers of believers who refuse to back down!

**1** Pray for a new "fear of the Lord" to arise in God's people, resulting in radical obedience, extravagant worship, and renewed passion for prayer, the Word, and the spread of the gospel (Acts 5:11-12).

**2** Just as "the apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people," pray that believers today are bold and radical in their prayers on behalf of those who need to know the power and love of Christ (Acts 5:12).

**3** The apostles were highly regarded because of God's miraculous work through their radical obedience. The people were in awe as "more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number." Pray for exponential growth of the Church because the lost recognize the power of God at work through His people (Acts 5:13-14).

**4** Crowds gathered around the apostles as people witnessed their bold obedience. They brought "their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed." Pray that believers are emboldened to pray for the lost and believe God with radical faith that He is the Healer and Deliverer (Acts 5:16).

**5** The apostles were thrown in jail for preaching the gospel but were miraculously released by an angel with instructions to "go, stand in the temple courts ... and tell the people all about this new life." Pray that no opposition will keep believers from preaching the hope of Christ (Acts 5:18-19).

**6** Despite threats and strict orders from officials to not teach in Jesus name, the apostles declared, "We must obey God rather than human beings!" Pray for God to fill His people with confidence to be radically obedient to share the gospel without fear or intimidation (Acts 5:28-29).

**7** The apostles testified to the death and resurrection of Jesus and declared, "We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." Pray for a movement of the Spirit among believers that unleashes the powerful message of repentance and forgiveness (Acts 5:32).

**8** We demonstrate love when "we walk in obedience to his commands." And His command "is that you walk in love." Pray that your church is known for radical obedience and love that points the lost to Jesus (2 John 1:6).

**9** Pray that followers of Jesus will saturate themselves in the truths of Scripture and live out Jesus' declaration that "blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it" (Luke 11:28).

**10** Sinners are marked by disobedience, but "through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous." Pray for a spiritual awakening in your family to the transformational power of obedience and devotion to Christ (Romans 5:19).

**11** Peter demonstrated radical obedience with his response to Jesus' instructions to put down their nets after a fishless night: "But because you say so, I will let down the nets." Pray that your heart responds immediately to Jesus with "because you say so" trust in Him (Luke 5:5).

**12** Jesus declared, “You are my friends if you do what I command.” Pray that your heart overflows with the desire to be counted as Jesus’ friend because of your obedience to His truth (John 15:14).

**13** Joshua led God’s people to obey the unusual instructions of marching around the city of Jericho. When the walls fell the seventh time around, Joshua commanded the army, “Shout! For the LORD has given you the city!” Pray that God’s people today will have faith to believe that God advances His Kingdom through those who obey His Word (Joshua 6:16).

**14** Living in radical obedience means not conforming “to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.” Pray for discernment of the Spirit and strength of heart to reject evil while joyfully obeying the ways of Christ (1 Peter 1:14).

**15** Those who reject walking “in step with the wicked” or standing “in the way that sinners take” are blessed of God! Pray that you will discern and resist evil with a heart to honor God through your obedience to His Word (Psalm 1:1).

**16** God rewards eternal life to “those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality.” Pray that your loved ones will pursue Christ with joyful obedience to His truths (Romans 2:7).

**17** Radical obedience means loving “the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.” Pray that your heart is fully consumed with desire to be devoted to God (Deuteronomy 6:5).

**18** Pray that you will find delight “in the law of the LORD” as you meditate on the truths of His Word. Pray for Spirit-led desire to seek and obey God’s will for your life (Psalm 1:2).

**19** If we only listen to the Word of God and do not obey it, we deceive ourselves. But those who pay attention to the perfect law will live in freedom and “they will be blessed in what they do.” Invite blessing into your family by modeling obedience to God’s truths (James 1:22-25).

**20** Sin and rebellion are a stain to a nation’s relationship with God. But “if you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land.” Pray for the healing and restoration of this nation through God’s people who are willing to obey all that God commands (Isaiah 1:19).

**21** Pray that the Church embraces the command, “Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.” Pray for believers to have powerful impact in this nation because of their radical obedience (Jeremiah 7:23).

**22** Pray that your loved ones will “[choose] the way and faithfulness” and set their hearts on God’s commands. Pray for hearts that delight in honoring and obeying the Lord (Psalm 119:30).

**23** Pray for the Spirit to reveal the powerful truth that “the one who keeps God’s commands lives in him, and he in them.” Pray that believers thrive in radical obedience, knowing that it deepens their relationship with God (1 John 3:24).

**24** Jesus demonstrated the power of obedience to rescue a condemned world when He “humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross.” Praise Him for His radical obedience and ask Him to strengthen your walk of submission to Him (Philippians 2:8).

**25** God proclaims that He is a jealous God, but will show “love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.” Pray for younger generations to embrace God’s Word and declare wholehearted obedience to His commands. Ask God to pour out blessing on generations to come (Deuteronomy 5:9-10).

**26** God blesses those who “fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands.” When we obey, He uses us as the light of the gospel to the nations. Pray for your city and nation to reap the blessings of the obedience of God’s people (Deuteronomy 28:1-2).

**27** Invite God to “put [His] Spirit in you and move you to follow [His] decrees and be careful to keep [His] laws.” Pray that you are empowered by the Spirit to respond in radical obedience to the ways God calls you to advance His Kingdom (Ezekiel 36:27).

**28** Pray that believers around the world will do what the Lord requires: “to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Pray that this radical obedience unleashes an awakening of the lost to the wonderful grace and mercy of the Lord (Micah 6:8).

**29** Radical obedience was costly to the apostles. Yet, they rejoiced “because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.” Pray that God gives you opportunity to declare the name of Jesus to lost family and friends with great joy regardless of any cost (Acts 5:41).

**30** Despite opposition, the apostles did not hesitate to obey the command of “teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.” Pray that the gospel extends to the ends of the earth regardless of opposition and persecution of God’s people. Pray for courage, as now is the time for radical, Kingdom-advancing obedience (Acts 5:42).