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A Conspiracy Uncovered, An Arrest and Release, and the Spread of the Gospel (Part 2)

(Studies on the Book of Acts)

Review of previous lesson:

- We discussed the conspiracy of Ananias and Sapphira to lie to the Holy Spirit and what resulted from it.
- We discussed how the Holy Spirit continued to work with the church to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



In this lesson:

- We will discuss how the Sandhedrin again attempts to halt the spread of the Gospel.
- We will examine the advice of Gamalial.
- Finally, we will see the bravery and zeal of the early church in its work to spread the Gospel.

An Examination of Chapter 5

The Apostles are
arrested again!

Acts 5:17 – 18

*17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy
18 they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.*

Acts 5:17 – 18 (ESV)

2 greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

Acts 4:2 (ESV)

17 But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” 18 So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:17 – 18 (ESV)

The Apostles are
freed by the
Angel of God!

Acts 5:19 – 23

19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 “Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”


Acts 5:19 – 20 (ESV)

*14 Are they not all ministering
spirits sent out to serve for the
sake of those who are to
inherit salvation?*

Hebrews 1:14 (ESV)

21 And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22 But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, 23 “We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.”

Acts 5:21 – 23 (ESV)



15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Philippians 2:15 – 16 (ESV)

The Apostles are
brought before
the Sanhedrin
council again!

Acts 5:24 – 28

24 Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. 25 And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” 26 Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

Acts 5:24 – 26 (ESV)

10 and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 11 for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, 12 which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

2 Timothy 1:10 – 12 (ESV)

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, 28 saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.”

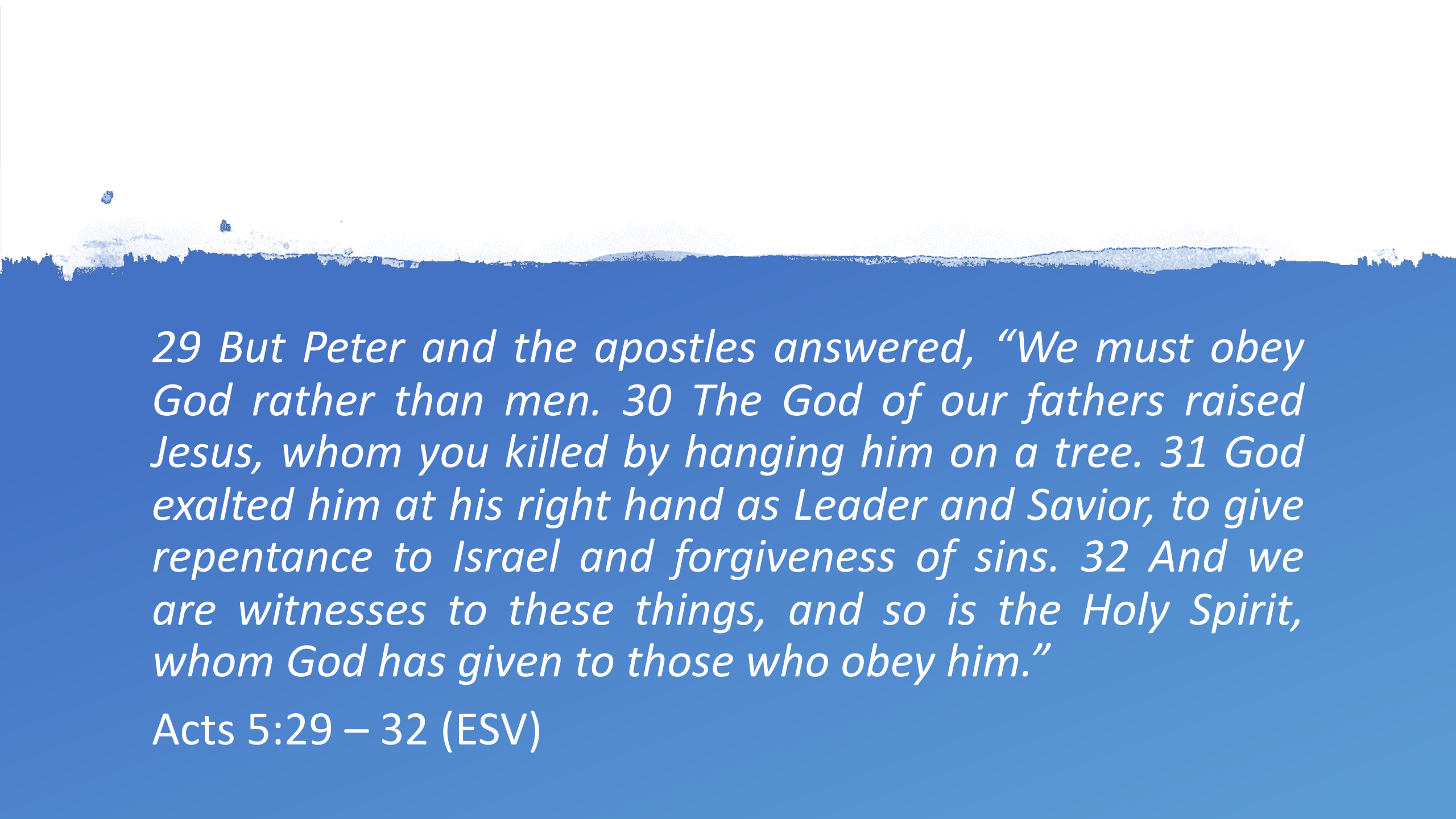
Acts 5:27 – 28 (ESV)

25 And all the people
answered, "His blood be on us
and on our children!"

Matthew 27:25 (ESV)

Peter defends the Gospel!

Acts 5:29 – 32



29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Acts 5:29 – 32 (ESV)

*19 But Peter and John answered them,
“Whether it is right in the sight of God to
listen to you rather than to God, you
must judge, 20 for we cannot but speak
of what we have seen and heard.”*

Acts 4:19 – 20 (ESV)

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

1 Peter 2:13 – 17 (ESV)

Gamaliel warns
against fighting
God!

Acts 5:33 – 40

33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them.

Acts 5:33 (ESV)

34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. 38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!”

Acts 5:34 – 39a (ESV)

3 *“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day.*

Acts 22:3 (ESV)

39 So they took his advice, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Acts 5:39b – 40 (ESV)

*24 Five times I received at the hands of
the Jews the forty lashes less one.*

2 Corinthians 11:24 (ESV)

The Church
returns to
teaching the
Gospel!

Acts 5:41 – 42

*41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.
42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.*

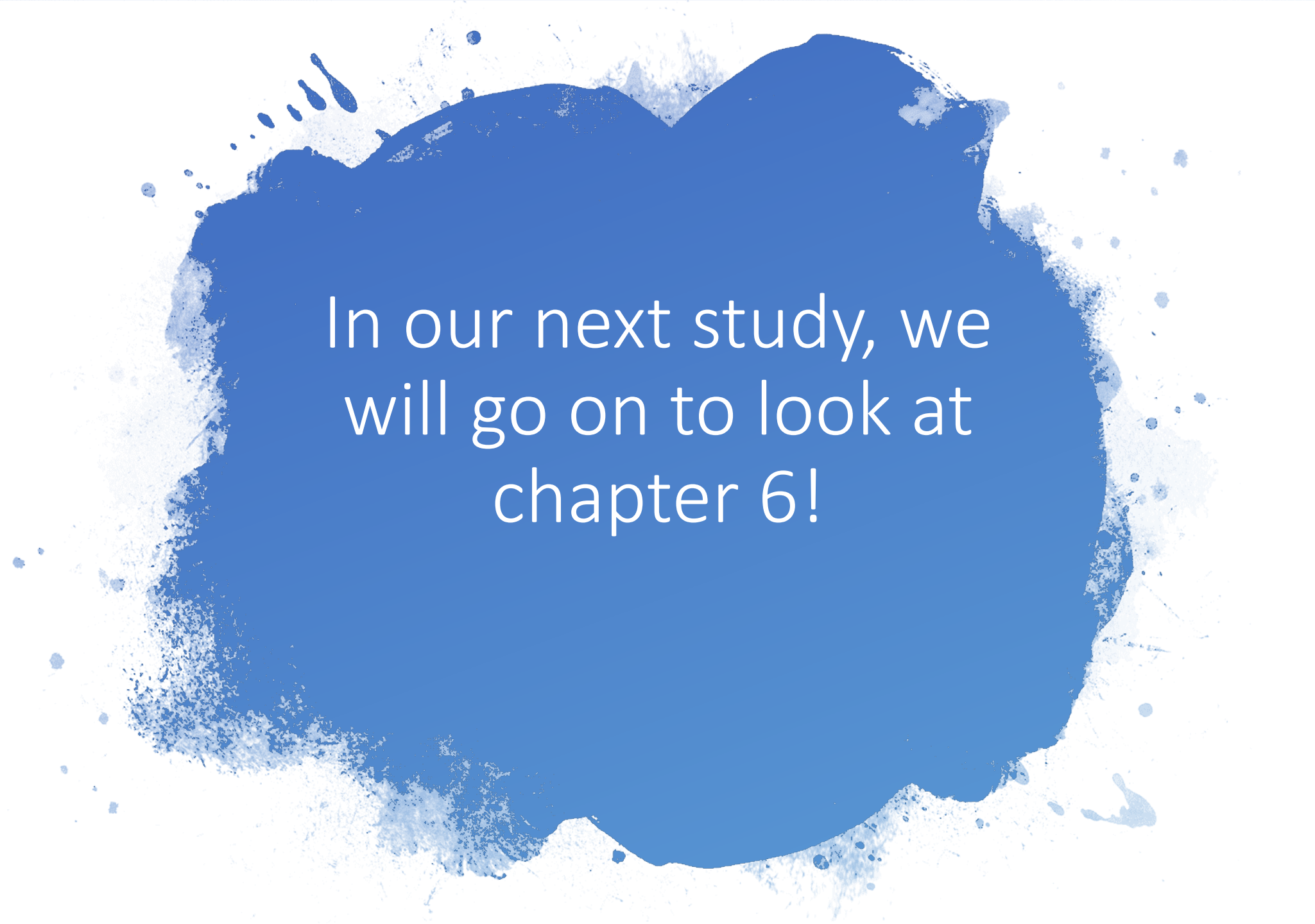
Acts 5:41 – 42 (ESV)

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:10 – 12 (ESV)

16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

1 Peter 4:16 (ESV)



In our next study, we
will go on to look at
chapter 6!