



EXALTING JESUS CHRIST

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GRACE

“Moving Forward According to Design”

ACTS 5 – 6:7

MAIN POINT: PROGRESS REPORT #1 – UNSTOPPABLE PLAN IS MOVING FORWARD ACCORDING TO GOD’S DESIGN.

I. Situation #1: (Acts 4:32-5:11)

John 13:34-35, Luke 12:1-3

II. Situation #2: (Acts 5:12-42)

“God does not forgive because He wants to be lenient with us. He forgives because His justice has been satisfied.” (Jerry Bridges)

“God was at work in all the circumstances that brought Jesus to the cross. Behind the spitting and flogging and mocking and piercing is the invisible hand and plan of God.” (John Piper)

III. Situation #3: (Acts 6:1-6)

Application Questions:

1. How does God still use situations like those described above to propel His gospel forward? How have you seen this in the lives of others? Have you seen this in your own life?
2. Where do you see God causing His unstoppable plan to move forward today in the church? In your family? In your life?
3. Where are you tempted to doubt God’s ability to use the various situations of your life for the advancement of His unstoppable plan? How does Scripture serve to reorient you to truth? How can you invite others to help reorient you to truth?
4. Take some time to rehearse the gospel to yourself. What does the gospel prove about God’s ability to use even the most spectacular sins of betrayal and murder in redemptive ways? How should your faith in God’s goodness and might grow?