

# OUTPOURING AFLAME!

## ACTS 5:41, 42 (See ACTS 2:16-21)

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: In Acts 5:41 “for the Name” means in and through Him (Christ) and through faith in Him for His honor. Spiros Zodhiates, Word Studies in the New Testament, Greek # 3686 and #5228.

**FUELED BY PERSECUTION**—Persecution confirmed the apostles’ intimate relationship with Christ, and the resulting joy given by the Holy Spirit pushed their eager enthusiasm to witness for Christ to new heights. (Acts 5:41, fn 5:41, Matthew 5:10-12, fn 5:11, 12, Matthew 10:17-22, fn 10:17, 18, fn 10:22, II Corinthians 4:16-18, fn 4:17, Romans 8:28-39, fn 8:35-39, I Peter 4:12-19, fn 4:16) *What role has persecution played in your Christian journey?*

**SPREAD IN TEMPLE COURTS AND FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE**—God continues to use small groups in a powerful way. Whether a group of believers is large or small, Jesus promised that He would be there. (Acts 5:42, fn 5:42, Matthew 18:20, fn 18:19, 20, Romans 16:5, I Corinthians 16:19, Philemon 2, fn 2) *What size group has helped you grow in the Lord and why?*

**STOPPED? NEVER!**—The teaching and proclaiming of the good news that Jesus is the Christ has reached even you! (Acts 5:42, fn 5:40-42, Philippians 1:12-29, fn 1:12-14, fn 1:29, II Timothy 4:1, 2, Hebrews 5:12, 13, I Peter 2:9, fn 2:9) *Will the spread of this good news stop with you? What is necessary for you to start and lead a group of new believers?*

*Pray for one another’s needs.*

*Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?*