

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?