

THE GAMALIELIAN ARGUMENT

ACTS 5:17-40

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

BACKGROUND: The honorable Gamaliel failed to see God working and used the same principles in his argument that are used today. *Before beginning, read the entire text.*

SATISFIES JEALOUSY. “When attacks are made on those who are being much used by God, it is usually jealousy that lies behind it.” James Montgomery Boice, Acts, page 107. (Acts 5:17, 18, & 40, fn 5:17, Genesis 4:1-8, fn 4:7, Romans 14:4, Galatians 5:19-21, fn 5:19-21) *How could your jealousy be a threat to the leadership of the Holy Spirit in your life?*

LACKS INVESTIGATION. Threatened leaders show lack of character when they fail to search out God’s truth as found in the Scriptures. (Acts 5:27-32, Acts 17:10-12, fn 17:11, John 5:37-44, fn 5:41, Luke 24:13-27, fn 24:25, fn 24:25-27, John 7:16-18, fn 7:16-18) *How could you help to develop the character trait of “investigation” in the lives of your children?*

PROTECTS STATUS QUO. The full message of the new life is always in opposition to man’s or Satan’s control of an old way of life. (Acts 5:40, Acts 5:19-21 Isaiah 29:13, 14, fn 29:13, 14, Hebrews 5:11-6:12, fn 5:14, fn 6:11, 12) *What is evident in your life that assures you that you are growing in your faith?*

Pray for one another’s needs.

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