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### *Pentecost Continues...*

1. **Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
2. **Chapters 1-7** Is their witness in Jerusalem. (Two years in length)
3. **Chapters 8-12** To Judea and Samaria. (14 years in length)
4. **Chapters 13-28** To the ends of the earth. (14 years in length)
5. **As the first day** began, the people thought the disciples were drunk.
6. **Acts 3 One Day** changes how everyone viewed these new believers, especially by the religious & civil authorities.

**Romans 13:1** Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. **The authorities** that exist have been established by God. 2 Consequently, **whoever rebels against the authority** is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

**Acts 4:1-4**

### *The Authorities*

1. **Pharisees** – Religious leaders and pre-resurrection opposition to Jesus. (Biblical legalists)
2. **Sadducees** – Ethical leaders of society. Post-resurrection opposition to teaching about Jesus. (Rationalists/Moderates)

## *Sadducees*

1. **They were motivated** by cultural ethics.
2. **They had authority** in Jewish civil matters.
3. **They were money people** with no belief in the supernatural.

### **Acts 4:5-10**

## *Acts Revealing Kindness*

1. **God is moving** the ARK Church to the uttermost parts of the world.
2. **Interesting** how Peter and John call the miracle of a lame man an act of kindness.
3. **The focus** of the disciples wasn't the religious or the civil community. It was on Jesus, the Kingdom and kindness.

### **Acts 4:11-14**

## **Our Devotion to Christ**

1. **May** bring you in conflict with your family, religious, and civil authorities.
2. **Conflict is not the goal.** Obedience to Christ and Salvation is the goal.
3. **It's our opportunity!** To reveal the hope of salvation and the Kingdom.
4. **John 15:18** You will be hated. Because the world hated Jesus.
5. **Revelation 2:10** The devil will place some of you into prison.
6. **Revelation 2:10** Even if you have to die be faithful.
7. **A wrong focus is when** we know what the devil is doing, what the religious leaders are doing, what the civil authorities are demanding, and we've lost sight of what Jesus is doing.

### **Acts 4:15-22**

## **Orders that need to be Disregarded**

1. **Orders to not honor Jesus** or worship him are to be disregarded.
2. **Orders that your testimony** about Jesus or "His way" must not be spoken are to be disregarded.

## **Not the Same Person**

1. **You are not** the same person after the Holy Spirit sanctifies you.
2. **You might not even** recognize yourself.
3. **What use to be a mode of operations** is now your testimony of transformation.