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**Obey God—Not Man**

***Acts 4:1–5:11***

# Introduction

### It’s no secret that not everyone is exciting about us being Christians.

### How do you respond when there is a price to pay for your faith?

### ***How should we respond to the challenges that our faith in Christ brings?***

# I. When *unbelievers* oppose you, obey God—not man (Acts 4:1-31).

## External opposition from the Sanhedrin led the church to obey God—not man (4:1-31).

## Commit now to obey God before temptations by unbelievers to obey man become too strong.

# II. When *believers* oppose you, fear God—not man (Acts 4:32–5:11).

## Internal deception by Ananias and Sapphira caused a fear of God (4:32–5:11).

## Let deceit by believers lead you to fear God.

# Conclusion

### Obey God rather than people (Main Idea).

### Say aloud, “I will ultimately account to Jesus himself for my life—not to people.”

#### This realization moves me to make hard decisions.

#### Where is God telling you to “obey God—not man”?

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