

## Surrendered Together

**Read:** Acts 5:12-16

**Main Idea:** Surrendering to God together as a united body of believers is the key to experiencing His miraculous power and presence.

**Key Verses:** “Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon’s Portico.” (Acts 5:12)

### Key Principles:

- The early church's unity and public witness reflected a collective surrender that invited God's power through signs and wonders, fulfilling the prayer for boldness.
- Fear among outsiders stemmed from the church's purity, as seen in the Ananias and Sapphira incident, yet this awe led to high regard and numerical growth.
- The church's ministry went beyond Jerusalem, to surrounding towns, demonstrating how surrendered believers become conduits for God's work in a broken world.
- Peter's shadow falling on the sick symbolized the overflow of God's presence in a unified community, where even indirect encounters brought healing and deliverance.
- True surrender involves consistent public proclamation and bold evangelistic action leading to both awe of the resistant and attraction of the seeking.
- The church's growth in believers highlights how collective surrender breaks down barriers, empowering witness across social lines and reflecting God's impartial grace.

### Discussion:

1. How does the apostles' meeting in Solomon's Colonnade show the importance of surrender, and what might this look like in our church's public witness today?
2. In what ways can boldness in sharing the gospel invite God's power into our everyday lives and community?
3. Why might some people respond with fear, as in verse 13, and how should we respond to that without compromising our witness?
4. How does the addition of believers encourage us to pursue deeper surrender. What personal experiences have you had where service drew others to faith?
5. What practical steps can we take to offer hope to the hurting around us, like the as an expression of our collective surrender?
6. How does the healing of all who came in verse 16 motivate us to pray for and pursue deliverance in our church, trusting God's power through unified obedience?

### Prayer:

- Pray that we would confront any areas of inconsistency or fear that hinder unity.
- Pray for:
  - Boldness to proclaim Christ publicly and reflect Him through our words/actions.
  - That we would experience awe when we serve God, leading to even more growth.
  - Courage to offer hope and restoration to unbelievers, tearing down walls through surrendered witness.

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- I. God uses total surrender. 5:12**
  - 1. We must be consistent.
  - 2. We must be bold.
  
- II. People notice total surrender. 5:13-14**
  - 1. Some will be afraid. 5:13
  - 2. Some will be amazed. 5:14
  
- III. People need total surrender. 5:15-16**
  - 1. We must offer hope. 5:15
  - 2. We must offer healing. 5:16

NEXT WEEK:  
**Standing Together**  
Acts 5:17-42