**Part 9 – The After Party – Acts**

**Being on the Right Side**

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**How to know you’re on the right side.**

**Acts 5:17-18**

**Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.**

* **Ditch Team Jealous. Join Team Rejoice.**

**James 3:16**

**For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.**

**Three ways to know you struggle with jealousy:**

* **You feel bitter when others succeed.**
* **You constantly compare yourself to others.**
* **Your, "why not me?" becomes louder than, "thank you, Lord."**

**The antidote to jealousy is rejoicing.**

**Romans 12:15**

**Rejoice with those who rejoice.**

**Acts 5:20**

**“Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”**

**Acts 5:27-29**

**The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”**

**Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!”**

* **Ditch Team Coward. Join Team Courage.**

**Revelation 21:8**

**But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.**

**Four signs you might not be on Team Courage:**

* **You let fear silence your faith.**
* **You choose comfort over calling.**
* **You hide behind excuses.**
* **You care more about people’s approval than God’s.**

**2 Timothy 1:7**

**God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.**

**Matthew 12:30**

**Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.**

**Proverbs 28:1**

**The wicked run away when no one is chasing them, but the godly are as bold as lions.**

**Acts 5:40-42**

**They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.**

**The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.**

**Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.**

* **Ditch Team I Quit. Join Team Let’s Do This.**

**Acts 5:41**

**The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.**

**James 1:2-4**

**Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.**

**Galatians 6:9**

**Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.**

**Today, I’m ditching Team Jealous. I’m done with Team Coward. I’m off Team I Quit. I’m on God’s side. I choose joy. I choose courage. I choose faithfulness.**

**Let’s do this.**