

# ACTS

one God. one Story.

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**Weekly Topic:**

Take Heart: God Is with You

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## Introduction

In the song *Our God*, Chris Tomlin sings, "If our God is for us, then who could ever stop us." It's a lively lyric with hope in God's goodness. However, sometimes suffering trumps the vision of hope. Maybe you feel like God does not see you or your suffering. But nothing will ever separate you from God. In Acts 5, the disciples witness God acting on their behalf in the midst of threats and uncertainty. Take heart, God is for you.

## Discussion

As a group, read [Acts 5:12-42](#). As you read, highlight:

1. ...verses which show God acting on behalf of the believers.
2. ...verses which show the disciples acting in obedience to the Spirit.

Which verses did you highlight? Is there one that stands out to you in particular? Why? Discuss what it would have been like for the believers and disciples to witness these things.

What would it be like for you and your family to be sent to jail for what you believe? What would it do to your faith?

God may not have delivered you from a jail cell, but you have been set free nonetheless. In what way has God set you free to honor him more fully?

## Think about it

Read [Romans 8:31-39](#) out loud. Is there a verse in this passage that most reminds you that God is for you? What makes this verse special to you?

## Do something

Spend some time reflecting on how God is for you. Write down what you discover and keep it with you throughout the week.

Memorize Romans 8:31-39.

Do you know someone who is suffering? What can you do this week to encourage them?