

1. Expect opposition.

They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.

Acts 5:18 NIV

2. Have a solid foundation.

Why do the nations rage and the people plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.

Psalms 2:1-6; 10:11

3. Refuse to be intimidated.

"We must obey God rather than men!"

Acts 5:29 NIV

4. Maintain your spiritual strength.**a. Affirming who God is.**

"Sovereign Lord...you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them."

Acts 4:24 NIV

b. Remembering what God has done.

"The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead....God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him. "

Acts 5:30-32 NIV

c. Trusting in what God is going to do.

"Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. "

Acts 4:29, 30 NIV

5. Put what you believe into action.

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 Christ.

Acts 5:42 NIV