

WORTHY TO SUFFER
Acts 5:12-42

INTRODUCTION

There is a beautiful story here about the power of God and the glory of His Church.

- I. FIRST, NOTICE THE PRICE THEY PAID**
 - A. IT WAS JEWISH PERSECUTION
 - B. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED PERSECUTION

- II. CONSIDER THE PROVISION GOD MADE (vv 18-25)**
 - A. NOTICE THE LORD'S COMPASSION
 - B. NOTICE OUR LORD'S COMMISSION
 - C. NOTICE THEIR COMMITMENT

- III. NOTICE THE PLEASURE PERSECUTION BROUGHT**
 - A. THEY REJOICED IN THEIR SUFFERING FOR JESUS
 - B. THEY REJOICED TO SHARE IN HIS SUFFERING

- IV. NOTICE THE PRIZE THEY SOUGHT**
 - A. THEY SOUGHT SOULS FOR THE SAVIOR
 - B. THIS LOOSED THE POWER OF GOD AMONG THEM

CONCLUSION

What will you do when you have the opportunity to prove your loyalty to Jesus? I pray that we will:

- 1. Rejoice that we are counted worthy to suffer for Him
- 2. Remember that He died for us
- 3. Resolve to serve Him faithfully on this earth until He calls us home