

**Protagonists Anonymous Series**  
**Gamaliel**  
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**Opening**

- Tami Masters youtube prophetic dream...
- new series...
- pray

**Introduction**

**-Acts 5:1-11 (recap story of Ananias and Saphira)** (disciples to apostles and failures to spiritual giants)

**-Acts 5:12-16 (many signs and wonders)** (Peter's shadow...)

**-Acts 5:17-33 (arrest, miracle, threat, and response of Apostles)**

-Acts 5:29-33 (read)

-Acts 5:34-40 (read)

**Gamaliel** (slide also contains Torah, Mishna, Gemara, Talmud)

-Who was Gamaliel, why did he have such influence...Sanhedrin 71 most influential leaders (use Nancy Pelosi and Mitch M. analogy)

-Deep dive for all the history nerds like me...

- Torah...Hebrew Bible, sometimes referring to first 5 books
- Contains 613 specific commands (we can't remember 10!)
- Not including ALL the oral traditions and interpretations of the priests throughout history (example of vinegar: medicine or food)
  
- Mishna (means "repeated study")
- A topical compilation of all the oral laws followed by the Jewish people that was finalized in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD that was compiled and edited for 200 years! It persevered oral traditions that dated back to the time of Ezra in 450 BC.

- Gemara...which is the commentary and discussion on the Mishna
- Talmud...compiled between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries AD which combined the Mishna and the Gemara and adding additional commentary and discussion
- Hillel the Elder lived from 110 BC to 10 AD and was one of the most respected religious minds of his day and was central in the development of both the Mishna and the Talmud.
- Gamaliel was either the son of Hillel or his grandson...
- The Mishna actually speaks of Gamaliel: *“Since Rabban Gamaliel the elder died there has been no more reverence for the law; and purity and abstinence died out at the same time.”*
- His influence was not just because of his family but because of his reputation!

**-Is my character undermining my influence?** (read from Praxis virtues)

- Who is your “Sanhedrin”
- Examine the last 3 years and ask yourself if conflicts and disagreements tend to end in fractured relationships.
- People would rather be wrong than agree with a bad attitude.
- Barna Study: 80% of people know a Christian, only 15% of those people say that Christian’s lifestyle is any different than theirs...

## **The Land, The Law, and The Temple**

-Why were the religious leaders so upset by The Apostles?

-(some of my things in my office...imagine if you tried to take them from me)

-Exodus 23:27-31

- The Land is a sacred **inheritance**
- Matthew 24:35...uh oh, Jesus is taking away our inheritance!

-Exodus 24:9-11

- The Law is a sacred **gift**
- Matthew 24:35...uh oh, Jesus is taking away our gift!

-2 Chronicles 7:1-3

- The Temple is a sacred **place**
- John 2:19...uh oh, Jesus is taking away our place!
- The Messiah was supposed to SECURE all 3 FOREVER!

-Acts 5:38-39

**-Am I holding on to things from my past, that stop me from joining God in what He is doing now?**

## **Band**

-as the band comes...

-I want you to notice what was holding them back in Acts 5...it wasn't their past hurts it was their past successes!

-Are there some things that you are holding onto as sacred that God is saying, "It's time to let them go..."

(use leave and cleave analogy)

(use parent to child to parent...authority over, influence on, friend with)

**-And, back to where we started, is your character undermining your influence?**

## **Close**

-Acts 5:42...have we become weekend Christians?