

unfolding church

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STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

*Accompanies podcast "Long Haulers" - 7/24/22
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Read Acts 5:12-42

The disciples experienced all kinds of animosity right within the larger faith community they had been part of. Have you ever experienced church trauma? How would you describe the impact?

Why do you think there is so much unChristlike behavior within communities that claim to follow Christ?

Although the cause of their pain had not been resolved, the apostles continued to go back to the temple and stay engaged. That's hard to do. How do you balance the need for healing and accountability with the call to "keep meeting together?" When is it time to pack it up and when do you stick it out?

The first disciples exhibited a consistency between their public persona and their personal lives. What is one area of life where you find it difficult to be yourself no matter where you are?

The sermon concluded by saying that when we fail, we have a long haul Jesus. How does that truth change things?