

There's a Price to Pay for Dancing in Church

Ac 4:1-22

Have you ever had to pay a price for doing what's right?

Opposition unleashed

Two prices to pay (1-4)

Emotional & physical disruption or pain (1-3)

If necessary, would you go to jail for the Gospel?

Who cares for the nursery? (4)

3 needs: equipping, courage, encouraging

Religion vs true faith

Religion restricts rather than releases the power of God.
(5-12)

The heavy weights (5-6)

What's your power base? (7)

God's confounding (13)

Filled with the Spirit (8)

Religion is not excited about how God is using you, but fearful of how it might undermine its power & control.

Divine Sarcasm (9)

The cripple healed by the cast-off stone (10-12)

Religious stifling. (15-17)

Religion fights to save its power/place; true faith fights to preserve/promote the **power** of God.

Religion legislates rather than **liberates** (v 18-22)

Often the issue is control = You can't.

Religion presses conforming rather than **transforming**.
(12-17)

Today's conformity: no **exclusivity**

Respectful freedom = We must. We **submit**.

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