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## ACTS

### PART V: THE OPPOSITION CAN'T WITH US

**Acts 4:1-4 (NLT).** While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning. But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000.

The book of Acts teaches us that God has not only given us the power to face every present difficulty, but also that He can use that opposition to advance His purposes in our lives and to advance the movement of Jesus to the world around us.

**REMEMBER:** Opposition is an integral part of maturing and advancing.

**James 1:2-4 (MSG).** Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

There is a certain kind of maturity that is gained, and certain lessons that are learned, only by going through the valley of trials.

### **WHEN I FACE OPPOSITION, I WILL BE CONVINCED THAT:**

#### **1. IN OPPOSITION, I REMAIN [LOVED].**

**Psalms 3:1-2 (NLT).** O Lord, I have so many enemies; so many are against me. So many are saying, "God will never rescue him!"

**Romans 8:38-39 (NLT).** *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## 2. IN OPPOSITION, GOD CONTINUES [TO WORK].

**Psalms 3:3-4 (NLT).** *But you, O Lord, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high. I cried out to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy mountain.*

**1 Peter 4:12-13 (MSG).** *Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner.*

## 3. IN OPPOSITION, HIS [SALVATION] IS STILL MY REWARD.

**James 1:12 (NLT).** *God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.*

**Psalms 3:5-6 (NLT).** *I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the Lord was watching over me. I am not afraid of ten thousand enemies who surround me on every side.*

