

Keep Going!

The leaders of the land were upset because Peter and John were not only preaching the Good News of Jesus to the people of the land, but they also healed a man who had been lame from birth! Peter and John were arrested and brought before the Jewish council of elders. They were asked, "By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" (Acts 4:7) Then Peter, who was filled with the Holy Ghost, told them the man had been healed "by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth" (Acts 4:10). Fill in the missing words of the Bible text below, and discover that Peter and John did, indeed, keep on keeping on.

ALL
DONE
NAME
SEEN
FORTY
HEARD
JESUS
SIGHT
SPEAK
CANNOT
PEOPLE
HEALING
MIRACLE
NOTABLE
BOLDNESS
STANDING
THREATEN

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"Now when they [the council of elders] saw the _____ of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. And beholding the man which was healed _____ with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a _____ hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we _____ deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly _____ them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this _____. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of _____. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the _____ of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but _____ the things which we have _____ and _____. So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the _____: for _____ men glorified God for that which was _____. For the man was above _____ years old, on whom this miracle of _____ was shewed." — Acts 4:13-22

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How Do I "Keep on Keeping On"?

When the world around us is wanting us to "stop" or "slow down" in our work for the Savior, we can tell them that we are determined to go all the way. There are many words that help us to understand better what it means to keep following Jesus once we have given our hearts and lives to Him. Find each of the words or phrases that are hidden in the word-find below. As you find each one, say it aloud, and determine in your heart that you will keep on keeping on.

STAND
ENDURE
CARRY ON
PERSIST
PROCEED
HOLD ON TO
MAINTAIN
REMAIN IN
STAY WITH
KEEP GOING
PERSEVERE
BE CONSTANT
BE STEADFAST
HANG IN THERE
SEE IT THROUGH

S	J	Q	X	G	N	I	O	G	P	E	E	K
T	S	A	F	D	A	E	T	S	E	B	X	J
A	J	E	Q	S	T	A	Y	W	I	T	H	E
N	D	E	E	C	O	R	P	Z	T	H	X	R
D	Q	Z	X	I	J	C	Q	N	O	J	E	E
Z	X	J	Q	Z	T	X	A	L	X	M	Q	H
P	E	R	S	I	S	T	D	R	A	J	Z	T
Z	R	Q	J	Z	S	O	H	I	R	Q	X	N
X	U	X	Q	N	N	Z	N	R	X	Y	J	I
J	D	Z	O	T	Q	I	J	X	O	X	O	G
Q	N	C	O	J	N	X	Q	Z	Q	U	Z	N
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B	Z	J	N	I	A	T	N	I	A	M	Z	H

KEEP ON GOING

Read Acts 4:13 - 22

Peter and John healed a man who had never walked, and now they are in trouble for preaching about Jesus.

- Verse 13. When the judges saw the boldness of Peter and John,
- a) they thought they were smart
 - b) they wanted to be like Jesus
 - c) they remembered Peter and John had learned from Jesus

- Verse 14. When the judges saw the man who had been healed, they said,
- a) this is great!
 - b) how did you guys do that?
 - c) nothing

- Verses 15 - 16. The judges talked to each other and said,
- a) we cannot deny this miracle
 - b) we don't believe in miracles
 - c) we ought to punish these men



- Verse 17. The judges were afraid that,
- a) the disciples would hit them
 - b) more and more people would believe in Jesus
 - c) the people would start a riot

Verse 18. The judges told Peter and John not to _____ or _____
in the name of Jesus.

- Verses 19 - 20. Peter and John answered and said,
- a) we will do whatever we want to do
 - b) we will obey you
 - c) we will do what is right in God's sight

- Verse 21. The judges found Peter and John guilty of,
- a) many crimes
 - b) talking back
 - c) nothing

Why do you think Peter and John kept on going when times were tough? _____

If it became illegal to speak about Jesus, what would you do? _____

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Text: Acts 4:13-22

Key Verse: Job 23:11



1

What crime had the Apostles committed that brought them before the Jewish rulers? See Acts 4:1-3.

2

What did the authorities want Peter and John to do or not do?

3

How did the Apostles respond?

4

What might hinder us from keeping on as Christians?

5

What can we do to be sure we keep on keeping on?

Name: _____

OBJECT LESSON

In a brown paper sack, bring:

- a pair of running shoes
- “sports bottle” of water
- fitness food, such as a PowerBar, or an apple
- a folded piece of paper marked RULES

I have some things in here that are going to help me run a race. First, I need the right kind of shoes. I wouldn't get very far in the ones I'm wearing now! When you get saved, God gives you the right equipment to serve Him, to run the spiritual race.

What else does a runner need? Water is very important. Prayer is like water for our soul, without it, we would dry up and die.

A runner needs food. I have a piece of food here. Runners get hungry, and food keeps them strong and gives them the strength to keep on going. A Christian needs spiritual food, too. God's Word, the Bible, is food for our soul. Read it every day and God will give you the strength to keep on keeping on.

What's this? A rule book? Do you like rules? Usually we think we don't like rules, but let me ask you this: when you're in a game or in a race, do you like it when someone cheats, or when everybody plays by the rules? In a race, runners who cheat or cut corners are disqualified. Recently, a woman who ran in the Los Angeles Marathon won, but then the judges found out that she had taken a short cut -- broken the rules -- and they took away her prize and gave it to another. We read the Bible and come to church, and sometimes we hear rules, but the rules God gives will take us through to the end of the race: Heaven, if we keep on keeping on!

