God's Kingdom Expands through His Supernatural Work & Our Faithful Witness

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The Lord & His Followers treat super opposition as supernatural opportunity.

- 1. satan tested the authority of God in the Believers. The Lord proved His presence in the Believers through the supernatural execution of Ananias & Sapphira. vv.1-11
- 2. The sick tested the validity of the Gospel message. The Lord proved the power of the Gospel through the supernatural healing of disease & removal of demons. vv.12-16
- 3. The scoffers tested the faithfulness of the Christians, by arrest, accusation & abuse.
 The Lord strengthened the resolve of the His Followers through supernatural deliverance, advocacy & joy. vv.17-41

Those who follow the Lord are faithful to the Lord.

- 1. Believers are faithful to confront sin. vv.1-11
- 2. Believers are faithful to serve as God's instruments. vv.12-16
- 3. Believers are faithful to preach the Gospel message wherever God leads them. vv.21, 29-32, 42

God is <u>sovereign</u>. He does what He wants, where He wants, when He wants, how He wants. Only He limits Himself.

God expands His Kingdom according to His plan. 6:1a, 7