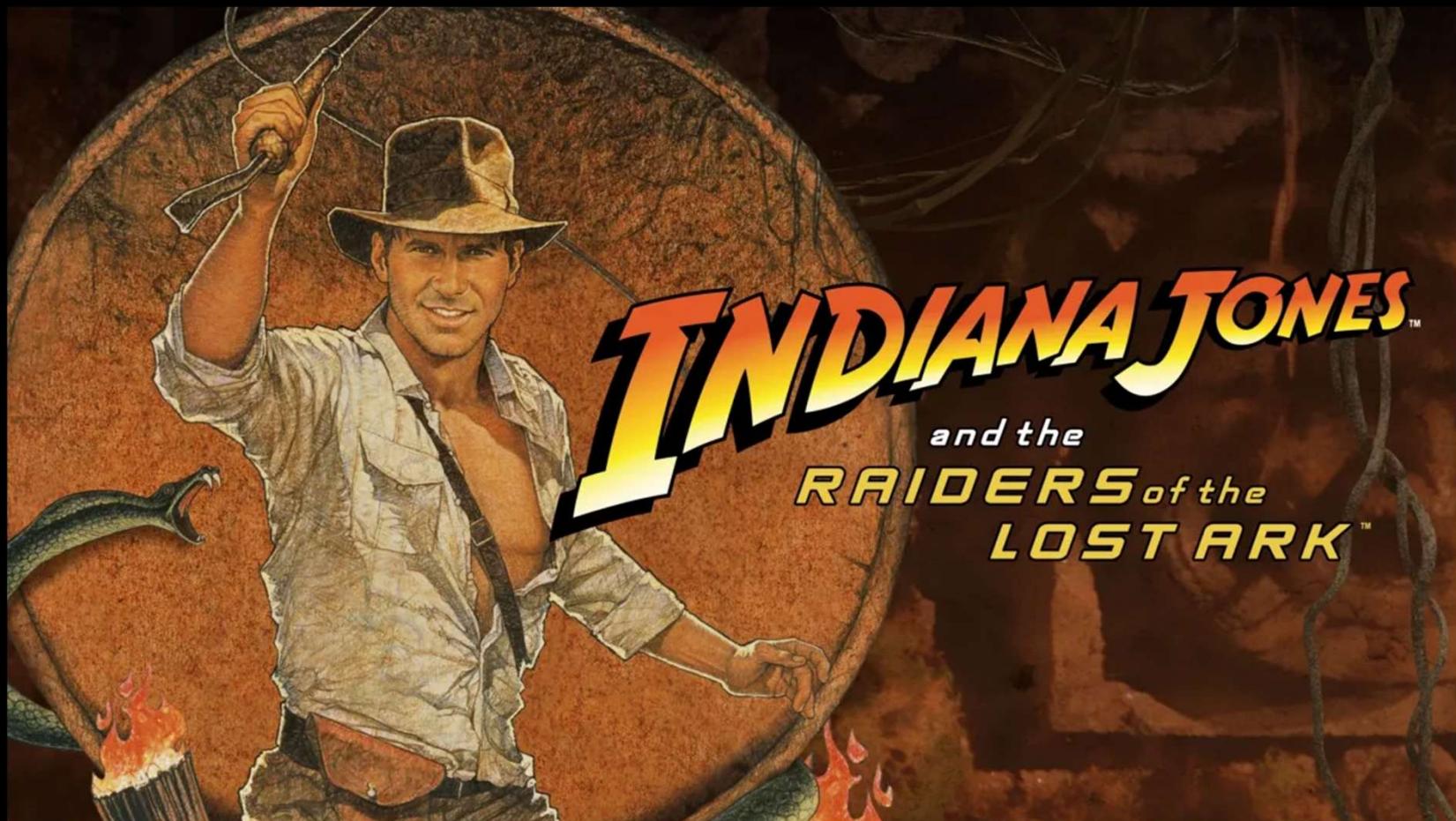


Persevering in witness

Acts 5:12-42

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service
Sunday 8th February 2026



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1. The nature of the opposition

- An emotional response (v17)
- A legal response (v18, 26)
- A physical response (v40)

2. The power of God

- Miraculous intervention (v19-20)

Acts 5v19-20

¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰ “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

2. The power of God

- Miraculous intervention (v19-20)
- Surprising counsel (v33-39)

Acts 5v38-39

³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.

3. The example of the apostles

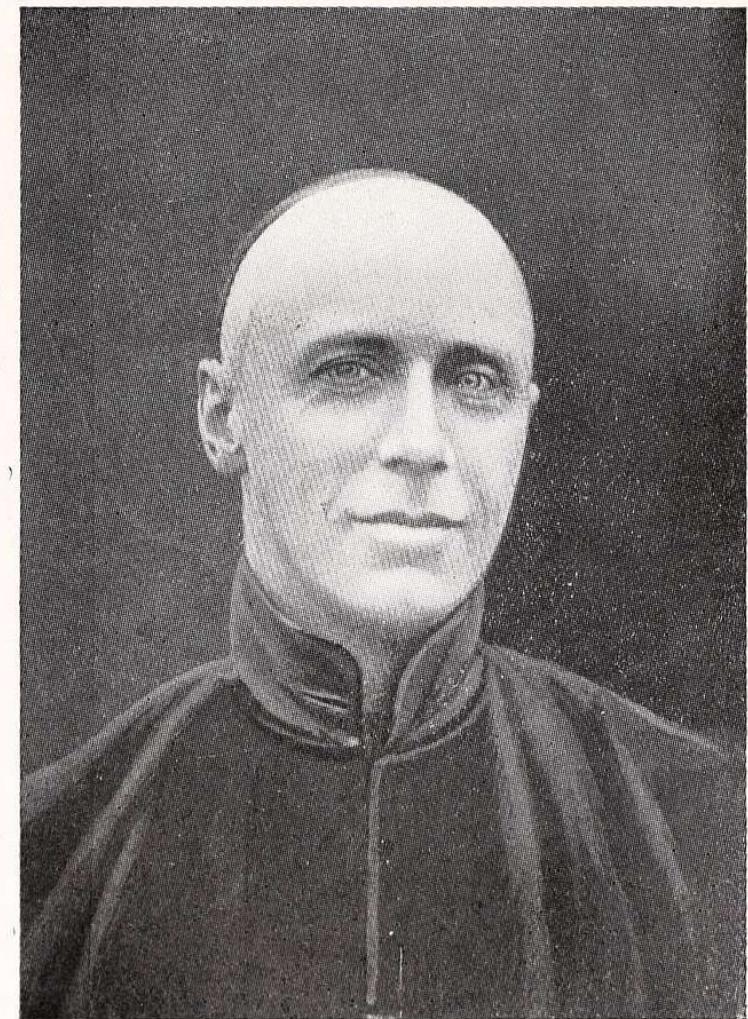
- Their perseverance (v21)

Acts 5v21

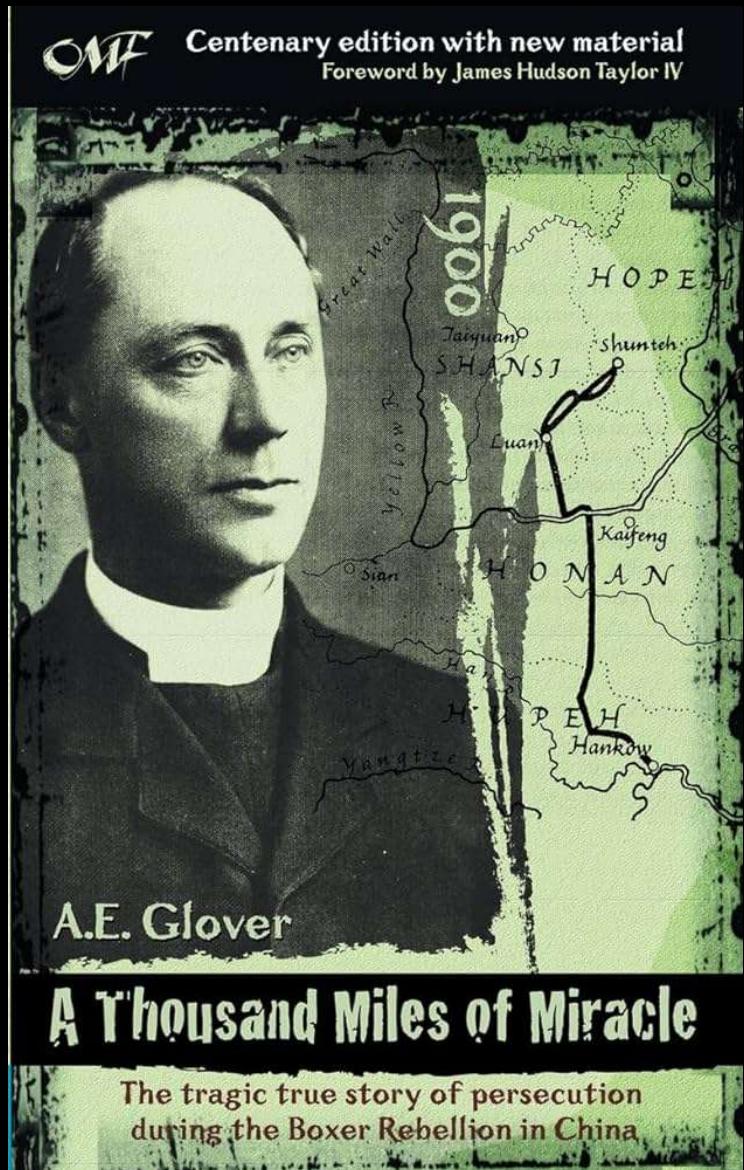
At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

3. The example of the apostles

- Their perseverance (v21)
- Their confidence (v29-32)
- Their joy (v41)



MR. A. E. GLOVER
(From a photograph taken at Lu-an Fu, Shan-si,
March, 1900, three months before the Flight).



“We had reached about the lowest point of distress and humiliation. It was my wife who reminded me that this was the fellowship of Christ’s sufferings and that he was counting us worthy to suffer for his name.”



A. E. Glover

Acts 5v41

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

1 Peter 4v12-14

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.