

Gamaliel

READ

- You might like to read Acts 5 : 34-39 or listen to it [here](#)
- Gamaliel means the Lord is my reward
- Gamaliel was a member of the Sanhedrin in the first century CE
 - He has a reputation in the Mishnah for being one of the greatest teachers in Judaism
 - He was honoured by the people
 - He acted with wisdom and trust in God
 - He was the grandson of Hillel the Elder
 - Paul learned at his feet (Acts 22 : 3)
- As you read about Gamaliel, what do you notice?



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REFLECT

- You might like to read the story once more and pause at a word or phrase that strikes you.
- Meditate over this word or phrase with God until you come to a point of stillness.
- What do you sense God's invitation to you might be and how do you want to respond?
- As you finish your time of prayer you might like to thank God for the life of Gamaliel and what God has to teach you through it.
- You might like to close your time of prayer by praying the Lord's Prayer.



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RESPOND

- At some point this week you might like to pray practically with the narrative of Gamaliel
- You could do this through collage, poetry, bible art journalling, or another creative approach
- You might also like to read Luke 12 : 22-32
- The Pharisees had heard Peter and the other apostles' words and were angry and wanted to put them to death. You might like to ponder why they reacted in this way?
- When have you been angry and wanted to silence the words of others?
- How might God be inviting you to listen to or bring to speech silenced voices?



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Gamaliel -

I am not listening

I will put my fingers in my ears

I will close my eyes.

I WILL NOT hear,

or see

or let my heart be disturbed.

Gamaliel -

do not disturb my web of belief.

It is secure and certain as it is.

Do not ask me to paradigm shift.

My perspective is as it has always been:
it will not change.

Gamaliel - the Lord might be your reward.

My certainty is mine.