***SERMON NOTES***

**To The Ends of the Earth**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Acts**

***“Of One Heart and Soul”***

**Acts 4: 32 – 5: 16**

**The passage this morning shows us both the ways unity is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and also the ways unity is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ amongst God’s people in a local church.**

**The Christian life is public not private; it is to be a life lived together in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The local church here in Acts 4 and 5 is a church that takes the gospel seriously and that compels their behavior, their actions, and their concern for each other – in both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ways and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ways.**

**In the Bible the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is referenced to the inner man and the control center of our life. It encompasses everything: soul, mind, and will. It is the seat of our desires and passions and the driving force behind all of our life; the reason why we do what we do. The heart is center and source of what we think, feel, and act.**

**Only the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ work in people’s heart could cause them to be of one heart and one soul.**

**Every believer and every member of a local church is commanded to be eager to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unity and peace within the church (Ephesians 4: 1 -3).**

**Verses 34 – 35 are describing genuine Christian care for one another in selfless generosity – having the mind of Christ and counting others more significant than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Jerusalem church saw that those in their midst had needs and were compelled by their love of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to meet that need.**

**Love of God and love of others is what it means to be a believer. The true mark of gospel change in our life is when we get our eyes off of self and on to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The teaching of the Word gave them the correct eternal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their things and each other.**

**God’s grace is not just for salvation but also grace to live the Christian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s people is always under attack.**

**Satan has filled Ananias’s heart to do this thing. He has not indwelled him; Satan cannot do that in the heart of a believer. But what he can do is use the idols that were already present in the heart of Ananias to lead him to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Ananias and Saphirra are both responsible, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and culpable for their choice to sin.**

**Satan can fill our hearts, playing to our sinful desire and idols, but as believers he can’t make us choose to sin; we make that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (James 1: 14 – 15).**

**Ananias and Saphirra valued what this lie could give them above their personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and obedience to God.**

**When we speak falsehoods, half and shaded truths, or slander, we don’t reflect the glory of the One who is “the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (John 14:6). Instead, we reflect Satan, who is the father of lies (John 8:46).**

**Any dealing with sin is to be done in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or we are not doing it right.**

**We love people best – we love our brothers and sisters best - not when we ignore unrepentant sin in their life but when we out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ address it with them.**

**Peter knows the mark of a healthy church is not one without the presence of sin but one marked by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from sin. So, in love he confronts Ananias, no doubt hoping he will repent.**

**The sin of Ananias and Saphirra was that they did not take the holiness of God and the commands of God as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as they should have.**

**All sin deserves death and it is a miraculous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God that He would hold His justice back from any of us.**

**When it comes to sin, it is not the reach of it or how “big” we determine it to be, rather it is the magnitude and holiness of the One we are sinning against, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The early church understood that unrepentant sin is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the church, the brother or sister in sin, and the reputation of the gospel and therefore must be addressed.**

**The necessary correction of Ananias and Saphirra served to discourage others from sin by shaking them to a seriousness and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in relation to God.**

**The Lord doesn’t need a perfect church but He uses a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ church.**

**The seriousness to which the early church took sin and the holiness of God by addressing it was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ powerful.**

**Dealing with sin as God commands actually serves to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people into the Christ and the church.**

**The greatest question from this text is not why Ananias and Saphirra were killed but why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in His grace hasn’t done that to any of us.**

Blanks: experienced & endangered; community; practical & spiritual; heart; gospel’s; maintain; themselves; God; others; perspective; life; unity; sin; accountable; choice; holiness; Truth; grief; love; repentance; seriously; grace; God; harmful; reverence; repentant; evangelistically; draw; God;

Congregational Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 5: 14 - 15

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.