

# Acts.



The Revolution Continues...

#5 - "Generosity, Hypocrisy & Awe"

## Generosity:

Barnabas Is A Picture Of The GOSPEL Transformed Man.

Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup> sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 4: 36-37

*"The Gospel Loosened Our Grip On Our Stuff And Tightened Our Grip On Each Other."*  
~JD Greear~

## Hypocrisy:

Hypocrisy Is PRETENDING To Have A Moral Or Religious Belief That You Do Not Really Possess.

But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,<sup>2</sup> and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? Acts 5:1-3

*"If the devils first tactic was to destroy the church by force from without, his second was to destroy it by falsehood from within"*  
~John Stott~

## How Do We Become Hypocrites?

1. We Forget That We Have Been SAVED Out Of Our Depravity And Are Constantly In Need of Grace
2. We Forget That We Are In PROCESS And Haven't Yet Arrived.

*"I am confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."* Philippians 1:6

3. We Fail To Walk In Authentic COMMUNITY That Is A Safe Place To Reveal What Is Really Going On In Our Hearts, Minds And Lives.

*"To Protect Against Hypocrisy You Need To Constantly Preach The Gospel To Yourself"*

## Why Was God's Judgment So Harsh?

It Was A Sign That Pointed To God Coming Judgment Of All SIN

- The Gospel Teaches Us That Sin Is Not Necessarily FATAL

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*  
1 John 1:9

*"If You Own Your Sin, And Confess Your Sin, God Will Release You From It; If You Hide Your Sin, God Will Judge You For It."*

# Life Group Discussion Guide

(We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles. Life groups provide a safe and encouraging environment to experience authentic Christian community, grow in faith and discover the life-giving truth of God's Word. Connect. Grow. Move. For more information about Life Groups contact pastor Joshua at: [Joshua@waipunachapel.com](mailto:Joshua@waipunachapel.com))

1. What, if anything, impacted you the most from this weekend's message?
2. Read Acts 4:32-5:11 together with your group. As you read, pause to briefly discuss any words, phrases, statements in the text that stand out to you.
3. How closely does your church experience line up with the church described in Acts 4:32-37? Discuss.
4. How has the Gospel helped you "*loosen your grip on your stuff and tighten your grip on each other*?"
5. What do you think caused Ananias and Saphira to do what they did?
6. Have you ever experienced hypocrisy in the church? If so, what effect did it have on you?
7. Do you recognize a little of Ananias and Saphira in your own life? If you do, and if you feel safe, share a moment of your own hypocrisy with the group.
8. Pastor Shaun said that one of the ways we can guard against hypocrisy is to "constantly preach the Gospel to ourselves". What are some practical ways you can preach the Gospel to yourself each day?
9. Read James 5:16 together. Then think of some ways that you can regularly weave confession and accountability into your group life.

## Week 5 S.O.A.P Journal Reading Plan

Monday	Acts 9:16b-31
Tuesday	Acts 9:32-43
Wednesday	Acts 10:1-23a
Thursday	Acts 10:23b-48
Friday	Acts 11:1-11

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