

Commitment and Integrity with a Side of Encouragement

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Acts 4:32-5:11

Acts 4:32 And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul;

Acts 2:42 And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

and not one of *them* claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them.

Acts 2:44 And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common;

³³ And with great power the apostles were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,

Acts 2:43 And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

and abundant grace was upon them all.

³⁴ For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales,

³⁵ and lay them at the apostles' feet; and they would be distributed to each, as any had need.

Acts 2:45 and they *began* selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

³⁶ And Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means, Son of Encouragement),

³⁷ and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 5:1 But a certain man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,

² and kept back *some* of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet.

³ But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back *some* of the price of the land?”

⁴ “While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God.”

⁵ And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came upon all who heard of it.

⁶ And the young men arose and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him.

⁷ Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

⁸ And Peter responded to her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?” And she said, “Yes, that was the price.”

⁹ Then Peter *said* to her, “Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they shall carry you out *as well*.”

¹⁰ And she fell immediately at his feet, and breathed her last; and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

¹¹ And great fear came upon the whole church, and upon all who heard of these things.