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### Acts 5:1-11 – Ananias and Sapphira

- Ananias means God is Gracious
- Sapphira means **beautiful**.
- They had sold their property and only Gave some of it to God – Acts 5:2
- When Peter asked about this they **lied** to him – Acts 5:4
- Peter recognized the work of Satan in there lives
- From all outward appearance both of them had seemed to follow the Lord
- There heart was still following after **sin**
- They were most importantly stealing from God – Malachi 3:8
- God didn't take this lightly and first killed Ananias and then killed Sapphira
- Uzzah and the Ark of the Covenant – 2 Samuel 6:5-15
- Peter has still been the **main** Apostle in Acts so far

### Acts 5:12-16 – The Church is Growing

- The Church is growing at a rapid rate around Jerusalem – Acts 5:14
- The sick was getting **healed** and miracles were happening
- Many people saw the miracles and trusted in the Lord
- **A lot** of these same miracles we don't see today

### Acts 5:17-32 – Arrested and Freed

- The Apostles were being persecuted – John 15:20
- The **High Priest** arrested the Apostles – Acts 5:17
- This time it wasn't just Peter and John but all the Apostles
- The High Priest was filled with Jealously
- The Apostles seem to be facing **opposition** quite often
- Anytime the truth is preached, it is normal to see opposition
- The Angel of the Lord sets these men **free** from prison
- Angels are servants who minister to us as we serve the Lord – Hebrews 1:14
- They get broken out of jail at **night**
- The Angel told them to keep preaching – Acts 5:20

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- When **morning** arose they went back to the temple and preached
- The officers had found the guards doing their job and the prison doors locked but no one inside
- After this they got word that these people were back at the temple again preaching – Acts 5:25
- The Apostles were **taken** back to the high priest for trial
- The Apostles started to find out that people didn't like them – John 15:18
- They became afraid of being stoned
- The Apostles get brought for **trial**
- In the trial they never say the name Jesus but said “this man”
- During the trial Peter says I value what God has commanded me more than you
- Jesus says **blessed** are those who are persecuted for my faith – Matt. 5:10

### Acts 5:33-42 – The Decision

- The Sanhedrin were enraged and wanted to kill them on the spot
- There was one person that stopped this from happening and that was a **Pharisee** named Gamaliel – Acts 5:33
- Paul being a Jew had been taught by Gamaliel - Acts 22:3
- The apostles were put outside as they all talked
- Gamaliel was **concerned** because of other people who have done similar things
- They took his advice and beat the Apostles and then set them free– Acts 5:40
- They had left rejoicing and happy to be alive and this fueled their fire
- They then went on teaching and preaching wherever they went – Acts 5:42

**“Whatever we do, we must not treat the Great Commission like it's the Great Suggestion.” - Charles R. Swindoll**