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We are in the book of Acts. If you go to the beginning of the New Testament of your Bible, you'll see the book of Matthew - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and then Acts. If you go to the book of Acts, we're in the 4th chapter of the book of Acts and here's sort of the backdrop of what's going on in Acts. In Acts the thing that we know of as The Church is brand new. Jesus was here on this earth, they hung Him on a cross, He died to take the sins of the world on Himself, and then here's the cool thing—He didn't stay dead. He came out of the grave victorious over death. He came out alive. And in the book of Acts He ascends into Heaven where He's at the right hand of the throne of God and He sends his Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit comes, the Holy Spirit comes—God Himself—to empower us here on this earth so that we can live out the lives that He's called us to live. And when the Holy Spirit comes upon the people in that time, all of a sudden they start speaking the Name of Jesus. People start getting changed, lives start changing, transformed, and they begin to tell everyone they can find. And all of a sudden lots and lots of people are getting saved. And that's where we pick up at the end of Acts chapter 4.

If you have your Bible I might—we have a lot of stuff on the screen so you can watch on the screen—but I'm actually gonna start a little ahead of where we have it on the screen, Acts chapter 4, verse 32:

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

~ ACTS 4:32

Now, you might remember last week we talked about that as they start preaching the gospel the powers that be, the authorities, are having a fit. They're pushing back on this and they're saying no and they tried to throw Peter and John in jail. Persecution comes to The Church and Satan believes, listen, if we can shut these people down, then they'll be done and this will be over. It did just the opposite of that. So you have this attack from the outside. It doesn't work. That persecution causes The Church, the people that come together, and when they come together they start praying together, they start reading their Bible together, they start getting together all the time to pray and to take communion together. This was an amazing time. And what would have taken place that leads up to this moment is people had come in from all over the area in that time for the feast of Pentecost.

That's when the Holy Spirit came and The Church began, so all these people from all over the place come in there from out of town. God's Spirit falls upon them and they put their trust in Jesus Christ. Now they recognize they can't go back to their families because it is highly opposed. They've walked away from “what our family has done for generations and traditions,” and so they are being highly opposed, persecuted, and so they all stay together there. The Church is only at that moment still in Jerusalem and they stay together and they start worshiping together. Well, problem is they didn't bring enough provisions. They only brought a couple nights' stay of clothes and food and money and so now there they are stuck. There's not enough housing for them. The Church says hey, doesn't matter, we're all gonna share, we're all together in this, and they begin to share everything in common. And that's where we pick up the story here.

Verse 33 of chapter 4 of Acts says this:

³³ *And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.*

So they're telling people, listen, He was dead but He overcame death. He's alive. Because He's alive, you and I can have life, we can live. Hey, this is grace. It doesn't matter where you've been, God has forgiven you. God loves you. This is the message they're giving. It's the first time this message has been proclaimed and people are hearing this about the love of God and they're going *I want in on that, that's what I've been looking for. I've been trying to do all these things and be good enough and it hasn't worked, and I want this Jesus. I believe that He's God. I want to follow Him*, and it transforms their lives. And that's why they all start sharing with each other and loving each other and caring.

If you came in here this morning and you've never experienced that, I would love for you to experience the love of Jesus. The same thing is taking place that was taking place then is that Jesus is transforming and changing lives. He's overcome death, you don't have to live in the darkness of this world that is messed up, that everyone's trying to figure out every day. Jesus changes that. So I invite you to Jesus this morning. Let me keep on reading though what takes place here. Verse 34:

³⁴ *There was not a needy person among them,*

— isn't that cool? —

for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold

By the way, that was voluntary, they weren't forced to do that; that was just their response of what God was doing in their lives. It says in verse 35:

³⁵ *and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.*

They trusted the Apostles with it, they didn't just take matters into their own hands, they brought it to the Apostles and said here, will you give this to those who are in need? You know what the needs are, you know what's going on, will you take care of this? Verse 36:

³⁶ *Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas*

— and then it gives some explanation here —

(which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

~ ACTS 4:33-37

Acts 11:22 gives us just a little more explanation of him because the Apostles had actually sent him out to do the work of Jesus, so he was highly respected and highly sought after. He was this guy that was an encourager. In Acts 11:24 it says this, "*he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.*"¹ Well, you can put all that together—full of the Holy Spirit, faith, encourager—here's the guy that I think I see developing in front of me is this person that when they spoke you just wanted to follow them. When they told you about their relationship with Jesus, you're like, "I want that, too." They just had a way of speaking truth and yet in such a loving and winsome way. The things that he did in his life, people

¹ *The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. ~ ACTS 11:22-26*

would say, “I want to be more like that.” And so this man, he has a field, he sells that field because he sees the need, and he gives the monies from the sale of that field to the Apostles to distribute to those who were in need. What an amazing moment. You know, Satan didn't succeed with this persecution hitting from outside of The Church. If anything, it brought them closer together and now they're even just giving to each other.

This week I had the opportunity to spend a couple days in State College where the pastors of the ten largest churches in Pennsylvania gathered together with one goal—to talk and pray together how to reach the state of Pennsylvania. The churches here in Pennsylvania have an incredible task to reach all these tiny little towns and all the real estate that Pennsylvania covers, and so we just said let's gather together and figure out how we can be a part of that influence for the state of Pennsylvania. So anyhow, we prayed together and spent time talking about a lot of different things and thinking this through. And there was one pastor around that circle of one of these large churches that kept one saying a phrase. But when he said it I could tell it was deep within him, it was something that he had met; it was more than just something that he said. He said this, he says, “Every time we disadvantage ourselves for others God blesses us.” So you look at this guy Barnabas, he sells his land because he sees the needs of others and lays the money at the Apostles' feet and says I'm not going to use that money for me. I'm going to use that to bless others. And in turn God blesses us.

That night, sort of debriefing with my wife back at the hotel room sharing all the different things we had talked about and different things, I mentioned something to her because it had come up so many times during the evening. I said, “This one pastor, he keeps on saying,” I said, “I remember this from the last time we met, he says every time we disadvantaged ourselves for others, God blesses us.” And she said, “Is that so?” And I said, “Yeah.” She goes, “You know, I know that. I was out tonight for dinner with the pastors' wives and his wife mentioned that they had sold their house to give all the money back to the church and that they were living in a tiny, little apartment.” I said, “That's interesting. He never said a word about that.” But he believes it. Every time we disadvantage ourselves, God blesses us.

And then just all of a sudden start seeing come into focus in this early church God's view of things and possessions and money, is that everything is God's and He's just given it to us to manage and steward to accomplish His task. And here you've got a guy by the name of Barnabas doing that. This pastor of a big church, he's doing that, he's just living that out and so much so that he's living in a tiny, little place. He's disadvantaged himself because he wants ministry to go forward. What an exciting thing to see taking place there. Unfortunately, here in this scenario taking place in Acts it doesn't last, it doesn't continue on. In fact, John says in the book of 1st John, I'll just turn there quickly and read it to you, in 1st John chapter 3, verse 17, it says:

¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him,

— which evidently was what was happening at a later time. You know, this is sort of like the opposite side of this awesome moment that's happening with Barnabas and The Church in the early days of The Church. People are closing off their hearts to those who are in need. It says:

how does God's love abide in him?

— and then he says this —

¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

~ 1 JOHN 3:17-18

It's like this pastor friend. Yeah, I find out at the end of the day it's more than a nice little slogan he uses—*he's doing it*. And John says, the guy that was there in these early days, he says to us as The Church, guys, let's be the real deal. Let's not just say it, let's live it. Let's do it. Let's let what we have be used and leveraged for eternity.

In the book of 1st Timothy chapter 6, verse 17, it says this:

¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches,

~ 1 TIMOTHY 6:17a (NASB)

One of the things that we know about our little bubble that we live in is that most of us have most of our needs met pretty decently. But the thing that most of us struggle with is there's this little voice and this thing churning constantly in the back of our head of the uncertainty, so we're never sure if we have enough. We're never sure if it's going to stretch far enough and we worry about our finances and those things hanging over our head all the time. So it isn't that we don't *have*, it's just that this having is a burden because we have been responsible with it but it's bothering us, and it's bothering you, and so you're never quite sure what to do. And what we read in 1st Timothy is the counterintuitive thing that they just did naturally there in the early Church. He says instruct them—those who are rich in this age— instruct them to be generous and ready to share. Every time we've disadvantaged ourselves for others God blesses us. So that's this awesome picture. It's this, you just feel this warmth, you feel this connectedness to each other, you just feel this response of a guy that encourages and you go I want to be that guy. Why can't I be like that? I want to be more like Barnabas. I want to be more like that pastor, which is that tension.

Okay, so you got that. Now I want to take you to chapter 5, verse 1, so those of you who have your Bibles in front of you, you're gonna help me out here right now. I want to know what the first word of chapter 5 of Acts is, verse 1. Can someone tell me what the first word is? [Audience: “But”] Very good. First service was afraid to say that word in church. [Laughter] You can say that in church. Yeah, you got the Good News, this encourager, and then you have “but”— we've got another story to tell you.

¹ But a man named Ananias with his wife Sapphira sold a piece of property

By the way, when you're when you're leading well and you're encouraging, other people are like, “I want to do that,” and that's what you want to have happen. I'm certain that Barnabas wasn't the only one just because of the way he led and the way people responded to that. Well, Ananias and Sapphira, my thinking is is that they responded in a similar type of way. They're like *I want to be like Barnabas. I want* – this is good. They take and they sell their piece of property, and then verse 2 says:

² 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.

~ ACTS 5:1-2

They're doing the same thing that Barnabas did, but at the end of the day he didn't bring it all. So I ask you this question: Was he wrong not to bring all the money from the sale? Afraid to answer that question? It's not a trick question. I mean, really, did he have to bring all the money? No. We'll talk about that here in a second. The problem is sort of when you say you're going to bring all the money or you tell the Apostles you brought all the money and you didn't, which is exactly what happened here. He said I'm bringing it all. Now he and his wife know better, but they didn't bring it all. So the fact of the matter is giving is always a choice. It's not something that we are - our arm is twisted into doing.

It's no problem if you don't bring it all, unless you said you were going to do otherwise. And many of us will sell our homes and sell our properties and sell stocks and this kind of thing, we're not, you know, for a moment required to bring all of it. But if we say we brought all of it, but we have it, that's a whole different story.

Let me ask you another question: Was the amount of money that Ananias and Sapphira gave important? I was thinking about this for a moment. So Barnabas, this, you know, model guy who sells it and brings it all and lays it at the Apostles' feet. Let's just say for a moment, let's use today's monies, say that piece of land that he had was \$100,000 that he got from that piece of land. It is possible that Ananias and Sapphira's piece of land was worth a whole lot more; maybe it was worth \$200,000, so it was twice the amount, so that's a lot of money. To bring all of that it's twice what the other guy brought. Can you hold back some? What we're going to find out is you can hold back all you want, but you can't say one thing and do a different thing.

Think about it for a moment; maybe they got their \$200,000 and said, "Hey, you know what? Now that I think about it, it's twice what Barnabas brought, so why don't we hold back?" I don't know, let's throw out a percentage, one percent. That's nothing. That's nothing. I mean, it's still a ton, almost twice what Barnabas brought, we'll hold back one percent. The problem is they said they brought it all. They're in this mode where they're wanting to do one thing, they're wanting to be seen as doing one thing, and yet what they're doing is a whole different thing. Was the amount of money, was the amount what was important?

**Was the amount of money important?
What does Jesus care about?**

Jesus in Mark chapter 12 we read about Him. He's sitting there watching the box in the temple as people brought their money and you can just see this taking place. Those who had big checks, they're bringing it—cameras [*sound effect of photos being taken*], put it in the box, big coins, c-cling-ching-ching, and they're looking over at Jesus. I find it interesting He's watching. Just a thought, so they're doing this and they walk off [*looking smug*] because they know they've done well, and then all of a sudden this lady, we're told she's a widow, she brings two copper coins which the text tells us in Mark chapter 12 was worth about a penny² and she put those two copper coins in and she walks away. And this is what Jesus says about her. He says she gave way more than all these other people bringing the big checks. And it says this, Jesus says the ones bringing the big checks, they in their mind thought, *Well, we can live on all of this and we got this much left over, it's fine, we don't need that. We can do without that*, and so they brought that. And Jesus says she did so much more because she brought what she needed to live off of in faith in God, they were just bringing a skimming off of their abundance. And Jesus says I'm way more impressed with what she's done. A penny versus however much all this money was—it's not about the amount. So we ask the question: What does Jesus care about then? I want to drive you to verse 3:

³ *But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit*

~ ACTS 5:3a

² *And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." ~ MARK 12:41-44*

What's it all about? It's about your heart. How much do you give? It's based on what your heart is. We ask the question right now: What's the problem? He says right here, the heart caused them to lie to the Holy Spirit. So all of a sudden you have this issue of we present as one thing, but down deep in our heart when God opens us up He sees something very different, and that's what God's speaking to here.

Again, speaking to us in our little bubble here, all the information that we have says this: The people that are living in our little bubble, we're all trying to put on this perception to people. We want to look a certain way. It's highly choreographed, highly planned, and it doesn't matter what it looks like behind that beautiful front door. It doesn't matter what it looks like inside of us. We have worked very hard at staging our lives and ourselves to look a certain way. And what we read here is that God is saying hold on a second, I care about the heart. And Peter says back to these folks here's the facts. Let me read this to you:

³ 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? ⁴ While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own?"

Some of have said, well, aren't we supposed to live in communism because that was what the first Church was, they had everything in common. Here it makes it very clear that they out of the wholeness of heart were sharing everything in common, but people *did* have ownership. Peter says that while they had it, while it was not sold, it was their own. He said:

And after it was sold,

— listen to what he says next —

was it not at your disposal?

Indicating that as much as they wanted to they could give a penny of it back to God, they could give none of it back to God, they could give half of it back to God, they could give 99% of it back to God. That was a matter of their heart. It was a matter of what God was telling them to do; it was how they were responding to God. They weren't wrong if they were giving something less than that, but the moment they said one thing and did a different thing, God had some words to speak to them.

Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God."

Twice in these little section of verses—heart. Heart. Heart. God's looking at our heart. It's all about our heart. Look at verse 5:

⁵ When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. ⁶ The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.

~ ACTS 5:3-6

You know, I get to this part I'm just like, *Uhhh... that just doesn't preach real well.* [Laughter] I mean, what if he gave 99% and we're all gonna cry out foul. You know, we're ready to give the guy a pass. We're ready to wave it. Then I was having a conversation earlier in the week and they were talking about some stuff that's going on in this world that's really dark that, you know, and they were having this conversation and there's like, "Why doesn't God just take him out?!" And it was at that moment, wait a minute, I'm worried about preaching this sermon because God does take him out because I'm afraid you're gonna look back at me and say, "What's wrong with God? He took him out." But we're sitting

here, “Take ‘em out! Take ‘em out! They're bad people. Why doesn't God just bring justice there?!” Because we don't know the heart of God.

The one thing we know as Stephen said so well earlier, we worship a *holy* God. Holy, separate, other, and sin can't be in His presence. God is right all the time regardless of what makes sense to us. And here's what we know very clearly from our Scripture that is super opposed in the world in which we live in: All of us deserve to die. All the promotional speakers in this world, “Stop! Stop! Stop! Speak positive notes. Think good thoughts. Everyone needs to think happy thoughts because that death talk, that's not good. That will make us feel bad.” Well, if that's the case, if everything's gonna be all happy and good, why did Jesus Christ have to come and die on the cross? And that's exactly why Satan wants us to think all happy thoughts and say all positive stuff, and why he wants us to think you're not a sinner, you're not going to die, you don't deserve death. The thing that each of us deserve today is death. We do not deserve to live.



The blessing we have is that we don't get what we deserve because of what He did when He took it on as our substitute on the cross because He was one who had not sinned and He could be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He steps in in our place, takes the punishment on *Himself* so that if we would trust in Him the power of death, which He overcame through the resurrection, would be removed from us. And that's why we use the word grace so much because we recognize I deserve death. God's righteous anger and wrath against sin should have been poured out on me, but it was poured out on Jesus and I get grace—something I didn't earn, something I didn't deserve. I get the righteousness of God so when God looks on me through Jesus He sees righteousness.

The Bible doesn't really say why God took Ananias out. It does say that a fear fell across The Church when this happened. There are moments in your life, you know, raising children may be the best illustration, where you just sort of have to have this moment where [*claps his hands together*] everything comes to a stop in your home where you go, “Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! We're done with this.” And sort of like, you know, sparks fly and fireworks go off because we have to make a moment happen here so everyone wakes up and sees this isn't satisfactory. Because God knows that the purity of His Church matters a lot.

Think about these words: My heart exposes me. You see, a defining moment is is what's going on in here [heart] is when my heart exposes what's going on. Psalm 51:4:

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

~ PSALM 51:4

Sin is an offense to God Almighty and we realize that sin always carries a high price tag. It's going to affect my physical life. It's going to affect my daily life. It's going to affect the people around us. We talked a few weeks ago – sin splashes. We think it's only private in-between me and realize what the high price was that was paid on Calvary for our sin. Jesus is hung to that, crucified, and died a horrendous death in my place. Sin always carries a high price tag.

I was taken back by these young men it says here that carry away the body of Ananias. They go and bury him. They've just got done digging a grave and putting him in there and covering him up. They have wrapped him up, they've carried him over there, and it's an emotional time. You've just

experienced this, you come out of the crowd, you wrap him up, you take him out. As they're coming back, listen to what it says, verse 7:

⁷After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

~ ACTS 5:7

What I love about the interval of it, the three hours, this isn't just a made-up story to try to get a point across, this actually happened. They're keeping time. They're giving us information on time. Your Bible is accurate. Your Bible can be trusted. And it has meant these stories to tell so that we can say, "Wow, this is how things work." Comes back and Peter says to his wife:

⁸And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." ⁹But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door,

— they were just getting back —

and they will carry you out."¹⁰ Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

~ ACTS 5:7-11

So this week as I was thinking about this message I thought, *Yeah, I have an idea. Why don't I talk about this part of the story first because this is like, great, we get to end on this note. Great preaching, Pastor.* I'm like, so, I'll just do the preacher thing. We'll read that first and then we'll end with Barnabas and we'll all leave here singing *Kumbaya* rocking back and forth about it. *I love you, man. I love you, too. Give everything each other.* [Laughter] And I want us to leave feeling that way, but I also realized that what I read in this story that is so powerful is, the defining moment here, is the heart is exposed. And you've said it, you've heard it said, I'm tired of hypocrites, I'm tired of hypocrites in The Church, and we open up our own hearts and go, *Wait a minute. The way I'm living and what I'm saying are two different things.* And that is the picture of what we deal with here in our little bubble—[*lifts his right hand*] one thing, [*lifts his left hand*] a different thing. Beautiful façade in the front of the house, open up the front door and see something different. Beautiful façade, we present one way in here, open up the heart and what's God seeing? And so I want to leave us this morning by saying no, I think it's good that this story comes around here so we can say, "God, how is my heart?"

You see, where I was spiritually yesterday does not determine where I'll be spiritually today. I'm gonna have to be a person every day to get into my Book [Bible], to be praying, to reading my Bible. Why? Because there's this phrase in the Old Testament says sin was crouching at the door.³ As long as we have flesh, as long as the enemy's around, the enemy's gonna try to pull us away. So we may have been walking strong and getting it right, following the right motives and actions yesterday, but today is a new day. And that's why we can't just determine what our



³ The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." ~ GENESIS 4:6-7

spirituality is gonna be based on what it was yesterday, we need to come back to the Lord. And there's just this reminder today, you know, what's going on in my heart matters.

So I ask you this morning: Is there some place in my heart, is there some place in your heart, where your heart and your actions don't line up? You want to serve Jesus. You want to please Him, but what's really happening is very different. Your heart, your words, your explosive nature, actions, the plans that you have, the decisions that you're making, the relationships that you have, where what you believe in your heart and what you're doing are too very different things. So, I end up this morning by just saying, "God, would You help my heart?" And I just want to give you a moment to just bow your head and take a few moments while the team comes up and just focus in on Him a moment.

It's not meant to be condemned [INAUDIBLE 0:02:31.4]. It's, if you love Jesus we don't want to be in that bad spot. I just think of those words in Scripture, 1st John says if we'll confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.⁴ And so we recognize that we've been presenting as one thing while we're living a different thing. No, God, I don't want to be like that. I know how costly sin is and I don't want to be there. I come to You as the God of all grace, all love, and all forgiving.

If you're sitting here in your chair and you go, *Oh, I want this. I want this Jesus. I want this being made right with God. I need this.* Well, then just right now in your seat, just call upon His Name and say, "Jesus, come into my life. Jesus forgive me of my sins. I trust in You. I believe in You alone. Not my works, not someone else's works, not someone else's words. I trust in You, Jesus, alone for my salvation; what you did on the cross that you did that for me. You were my substitute. I trust in You, Jesus. I ask You to forgive me of my sins. Come into my life, I want to have that experience that was happening there with those folks."

[Closing Prayer]

Do a work in your Church right now, Lord Jesus. Let's be honest with You, Lord. We don't want to be hypocrites. We've railed against them in the past, but as we're looking in our own hearts and looking at our own actions we recognize we're pretending to be something we're not. We're thankful You're not striking us dead, but we know we deserve death but know You gave us life through Jesus. We want to live like it and we want the world to see that there's something different going on in here in this room among these people who love each other and want the world to know that we love each other through our actions, Lord Jesus.

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⁴ *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ~ I JOHN 1:9*