



Wake-Up Call





Acts 5:1-11

- But a 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 [a]full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet.
- It was a lie – God revealed it to be a lie, and they both died that day
- Why did they do what they did? – Because they didn't understand the Gospel
- Why did God do what he did? – To protect the integrity of the early church



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



The Rest of the Story

¹² [f] At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and **they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico.** ¹³ **But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem.** ¹⁴ And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to *their number*, ¹⁵ to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them.

¹⁶ Also the [g] people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick [h] or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.



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- God's sovereignty confirmed
- His participating power and presence revealed
- A new round of faith released
- He had their attention
- Power encounters accelerated
- Not just power, but Grace, was poured out
- The name of Jesus was glorified and lives were changed



The Promise – The Mission – Acts 1:8

8 **but you will receive**
POWER when the Holy
Spirit has come upon
you; and you shall be
My witnesses



Power Encounters

The Holy Spirit will give
you the ability to tell
what *you have*
experienced - with
miraculous results!!!!



Outrageously Amazing Message!!

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY