

“Acts: Learning to Be the Church”
Week #7: “Four Key Truths for The Church”
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Acts 4:32-5:16 (*New American Standard*)

4:32 And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them. **33** And with great power the apostles were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, 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.

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.

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.

12 And 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** And also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits; and they were all being healed.

FOUR KEY TRUTHS FOR THE CHURCH FOUND IN TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

- I.** _____ in Christ results in a singleness of _____
and _____.
(Acts 4:32)

- II.** It is as a result of the _____ that God's _____ is received.
(Acts 4:33-36)

- III.** It is essential that the church maintains a spirit of _____
and _____.
(Acts 5:1-11)

- IV.** It is through the living of the _____-_____ that people are
drawn to the _____.
(Acts 5:12-16)