**“YOU CAN’T HIDE SIN FROM GOD!”**

 **Acts 5:1-11**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Point of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What part of the sermon did you find most beneficial?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

1. When was a time you kept a gift that you had planned to give away?
2. If you found out that you had been deceived by someone you trusted, what would you do?
3. How do you know when someone is lying to you?

**Acts 5:1-11 (NLT2)**
1  But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property. 2  He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife’s consent, he kept the rest.
3  Then Peter said, “Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself.
4  The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren’t lying to us but to God!”
5  As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. Everyone who heard about it was terrified. 6  Then some young men got up, wrapped him in a sheet, and took him out and buried him.
7  About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.
8  Peter asked her, “Was this the price you and your husband received for your land?” “Yes,” she replied, “that was the price.”
9  And Peter said, “How could the two of you even think of conspiring to test the Spirit of the Lord like this? The young men who buried your husband are just outside the door, and they will carry you out, too.”
10  Instantly, she fell to the floor and died. When the young men came in and saw that she was dead, they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.
11  Great fear gripped the entire church and everyone else who heard what had happened.

***EXPLORE***

* + 1. What did Ananias and Sapphira do with the proceeds from the sale of their property? ([5:1-2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+5%3A1-2))
		2. How did Peter recognize when he was being lied to? ([5:3-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+5%3A3-4))
		3. What was the consequence of Ananias’s sin? ([5:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+5%3A5))
		4. How did Peter test Sapphira? ([5:7-8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+5%3A7-8))
		5. What rhetorical question did Peter ask Sapphira? ([5:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+5%3A9))
		6. How did Sapphira’s end compare with that of her husband? ([5:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+5%3A10))
		7. How did the early church respond to these events? ([5:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+5%3A11))

***APPLY***

1. In what ways do we sometimes try to gain undue credit or recognition?
2. How could Ananias and Sapphira have acted differently?
3. How do you handle your own sin?
4. When have you been afraid of the Lord? In what way is it appropriate to be afraid of God?
5. In what way did their “holding back” part of the proceeds demonstrate a lack of faith in God?
6. How can you help yourself be honest with God and with fellow Believers?

**Additional Thoughts:**

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