

Power to Witness in Word and Deed*The Book of Acts***Acts 4:36—5:16****Read Acts 4:36—5:11.**

1. Barnabas will be a prominent figure in the mission and teaching ministry of the early church.
 - a. What does this introduction reveal about him? (vv. 36–37)

 - b. In the early church people would occasionally sell their property and bring the money to the apostles. Why? (4:34–35)
2. How is what Ananias and Sapphira do different from what Barnabas did? (v. 2)

What do you think motivated this couple?

3. This couple's actions are contrary to the unity the Holy Spirit has brought about in the young church. Who is trying to undermine God's work? (v. 3a)
4. What sin does Peter rebuke Ananias for committing? (vv. 3–4)
5. Sapphira is given a chance to be honest about the price they received for the land. What does she do with this opportunity? (vv. 8–9a)
6. God's judgment of Ananias and Sapphira's sin seems harsh. Why does sin deserve such a serious consequence? (Ps. 51:4; Rom. 1:32, 2:4–6; Gal. 6:7–8)
7. What impact does God's swift judgment have on those who hear about it? (vv. 5, 11)

8. We seldom talk about the fear of the Lord (awe or reverence for God's majesty or greatness).
 - a. How is the fear of God necessary for salvation?
 - b. How is the fear of God helpful as you live out your faith?

Read Acts 5:12–16.

9. How does this passage show God's answer to the believers' prayer in Acts 4:29–30?
10. Where do the believers meet? (v. 12b)


Read about the conversation Jesus had in this same place (John 10:22–25). Why is it significant that the events in Acts 5:12–16 also take place there? (See also Acts 3:11.)

11. In what ways do people outside the church respond to the events in this chapter?
 - v. 11


v. 13

v. 14

vv. 15–16

12. Miraculous healing from sickness is a wonderful thing, yet what even more amazing miracle do all believers experience? (1 Pet 2:24, Eph. 2:1–5; * Jer. 30:12–17)

Who can you share this good news with? Pray for this person and for "power to witness in word and deed."

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.