



Week 7: The Internal Threat

In Acts 4, the early church is marked by radical generosity and authentic unity. But in Acts 5, that Spirit-filled momentum is threatened by hidden hypocrisy. Ananias and Sapphira's story reminds us that God protects the integrity of His church and values honesty over image. The call isn't to give more — it's to be real, so grace can truly define the community.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Acts 4:32–37.** What do you think made that kind of unity, generosity, and authenticity possible? What would it take for us to experience that same kind of community today?
2. What does this passage reveal about their view of God, ownership, and community. How does that challenge the way we think about what's 'ours'?
3. **Read Acts 5:1-11.** Ananias wanted to appear fully surrendered while holding something back. Is there an area of obedience, honesty, or surrender you may be holding back from God right now?
4. In what ways can hypocrisy show up subtly in a believer's life — not through obvious rebellion, but through pretending, exaggerating, or hiding? Why is that so dangerous for both the individual and the church?
5. What makes it hard to be fully transparent in Christian community — fear of judgment, loss of reputation, disappointing others, something else? How would deeper honesty in this group strengthen our unity and spiritual health?
6. What is one specific step of confession, conversation, or transparency you sense the Holy Spirit prompting you to take — and who will you invite into that process?
7. Close by praying for unity and authenticity in the group and in our church.