“RESILIENT PEOPLE are REAL PEOPLE”

 *(Acts 4:32 – 5:16)*

Today we are starting a brand-new series called ‘RESILIENCE’ – Bouncing Back from Hardship.

**Resilient:** *able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions; able to recoil or spring back into shape after bending, stretching, or being compressed.*

**RESILIENT people are UNIFIED.** Acts 4:32-35

*When we choose to truly follow Jesus, PEOPLE take PRIORITY over POSESSIONS!*

**RESILIENT people are GENEROUS**. Acts 4:36-37; Acts 5:1-2

* The Apostles called Barnabas, Son of encouragement… **What would people call you?**

“Half of the misery in the world comes from trying to *look*, instead of trying to *be*, what one is not.” George MacDonald

**RESILIENT people are GENUINE.** Aka – Pride produces PosersActs 5:3-6

*“The story of Ananias is to the Book of Acts what the story of Achan is to the book of Joshua. In both narratives an act of deceit interrupts the victorious progress of the people of God.” (Bruce)*

*“…when God exposes things… one of the outcomes was that when God was vindicated, the work gained strength again. …people have such a wrong idea of what revival means… They think of revival as something triumphant and an overflow of great blessing. It’s judgment day for the church. But after the judgment, and after things are settled, it’s blessing abounding.” ( Dr. J. Edwin Orr)*

***Final Word – Resilient People are Real People – Let’s get real!***