

Ordinary People. Extraordinary God: Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)

What types of lies are there?

1. White lies.
2. Half lies.
3. Black lies.
4. Lies to ourselves.

*5 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. 2 With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. 3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, **how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit** and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God." 5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. 6 Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. 7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price." 9 Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also." 10 At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. 11 **Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.** (Acts 5:1-11)*

5. Lying to God.

"Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart?" (Acts 5:3)

How does Satan fill us with lies?

1. Greed – always wanting more.
2. Pride -always thinking more.
3. Self-centeredness – always doing more for us.

36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), 37 sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet. (Acts 4:36-37)

How does God fill us with truth?

1. He was generous.
2. He was a man of servanthood.

The ability to serve as an instrument of Jesus. ("son of encouragement", Acts 4:36).

3. Barnabas was Christ-centred in a world of self-centeredness.

Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events. (Acts 5:11)

- a. Church community maintains theological integrity.
- b. Church community encourages right practices.
- c. The Church community reveals a better way for a world wrestling with lies.

Reflections:

1. Reflect on a personal story of the benefits of experiencing Truth from Jesus (in the midst of your own lies). What did you learn about God and yourself?
2. How can you become extraordinary, like Barnabas, in an ordinary world?
3. What do you look for in a church? How can you experience those things at HOME Church?

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