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**MESSAGE NOTES**  
**Acts 29**

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**Acts Chapters 4-5**  
**Can I Be Trusted with the**  
**Miraculous Blessing of God?**  
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Acts 4:32

Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul [Gr. “breath”]; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.

**The difference between communism/socialism and koinonia (fellowship): “Communism/Socialism says, ‘What’s yours is mine; I’ll take it.’ Koinonia says, ‘What’s mine is yours, I’ll share it.’”**

Acts 4:33-35

And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great **grace** [Gr. *charis*—that which affords joy] was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles’ feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

Deuteronomy 15:4, 7b-8 (NLT)

There should be no poor among you, for the Lord your God will greatly bless you in the land He is giving you as a special possession...do not be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward them. Instead, be generous and lend them whatever they need.

**Paul the Apostle then gave instruction:**

- Discern whom the truly needy are (1Timothy 5:3).
- If you can work, you are not truly needy and must provide for your own needs (2Thessalonians 3:10-12; 1Timothy 5:8; 1Thessalonians 4:11).
- If a family can support a needy person, the church should not support them (1Timothy 5:3-4).
- Those who are supported by the church must make some return to the church body (1Timothy 5:5; 5:10).
- The church should examine a person's moral conduct before giving support (1Timothy 5:9-13).
- The support of the church should be for the most basic necessities of living (1Timothy 6:8).

Acts 4:36-37

And **Joses**, who was also named **Barnabas** by the apostles (which is translated **Son of Encouragement**), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 5:1-4

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. And he **kept back** [Gr. "to put aside for oneself, to misappropriate in a secret and dishonest way"] part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and **keep back part** of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? **You have not lied to men but to God.**"

**Ananias' greater sin was \_\_\_\_\_.** He wanted everyone to consider him so spiritual that he "gave it all."

Acts 5:5-6

Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So **great fear** [Gr. *phobos*—involves both reverent awe and a healthy fear of God's displeasure and discipline] came upon all those who heard these things. And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him.

**If you refuse to respond to pre-sin \_\_\_\_\_, you'll have to live with post-sin \_\_\_\_\_.**

Acts 5:7-8

Now it was **about three hours later** when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much."

**Sapphira had been resisting the Holy Spirit for three hours.**

Acts 5:9-10

Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to **test the Spirit of the Lord?** Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband.

**Lies are the greatest enemy of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Independence is the primary obstacle to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Pride is the greatest hindrance to \_\_\_\_\_.**

Acts 5:11

So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.