

Message notes for 13 May

No.2 in Acts series : Power to face internal crises

Intro

How the early church cared for each other (2:42-47; 4:32-37)

Problem one

- Ananias and Sapphira
- A planned lie
- Dishonesty and deception to God
- Allowing Satan to fill the heart
- Motivation?
- Peter in leadership, filled with the Holy Spirit
- Results on the deceivers and the wider church

Problem two

- When God blesses, there is a counter attack from the enemy
- The problem of gossip and complaining among God's people
- Where does leadership go in times of inner church crisis?
- The principles in solving this crises
- Necessary qualities of **all** those involved in any church ministry
- Results
- Doing things **God's** way brings God's blessing

Notes

Digging deeper notes for the week beginning 13 May

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Problem one : Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)

Is the way the early church cared for each other realistic in today's world of benefits, NHS, grants, social housing, Welfare State etc.? (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37)

What was at the heart of Ananias and Sapphira's sin?

Think of ways we could lack integrity or use deceit.

How can we judge our own motives in any situation?

Do we lack a fear of God, even among Christians today? (Acts 4:11)

Problem two : the widows' complaint (Acts 6: 1-7)

Why is gossiping and complaining among Christians so damaging?

What principles did the leadership establish to resolve this problem?

What were the results of solving this crisis? (Acts 6: verses 7 and 9)