



ALL IN

The Church As Jesus Intended “Our Surrender”

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Acts 5:1-11

Series Summary:

What happens when following Jesus becomes more than something we fit into our lives—and becomes what we build our lives around? In the opening chapters of Acts, we encounter ordinary people who held nothing back. They were united around one purpose, empowered by the Holy Spirit, radically generous with what they had, and willing to sacrifice for something bigger than themselves. They didn’t just believe in the mission of Jesus—they were **ALL IN**.

In this five-week series, **ALL IN**, we’ll discover what can happen when we follow their example and surrender our purpose, resources, and lives to God. Together, we’ll be challenged to ask: What could God do in us, through us, and through South Sub Church if we were **ALL IN**?

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. Why do you think people sometimes try to make themselves look better than they really are?
2. Which is harder for most people—admitting they made a mistake or admitting they were dishonest about it? Why?
3. Have you ever felt pressure to do something simply because everyone around you was doing it?
4. Why is trust so important in a family, friendship, workplace, or church?
5. What is the difference between looking committed and actually being committed?

Objective Questions:

1. What were the names of the husband and wife introduced in verse 1?
2. What did Ananias and Sapphira sell?
3. What did Ananias do with part of the money from the sale?
4. Did Sapphira know that Ananias had kept some of the money?
5. According to Peter, who had filled Ananias’s heart?
6. What did Peter say Ananias had lied about?
7. According to verse 4, who still had control of the property and the money from its sale?
8. What happened to Ananias after Peter confronted him?



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9. What did Sapphira tell Peter when he asked her about the amount they received for the land?
10. What happened to Sapphira, and how did the church respond when they heard what had happened?

Interpretive Questions:

1. According to verse 4, Ananias was not required to sell the property or give all the money. So what was his actual sin?
2. Why do you think Ananias and Sapphira wanted to appear more generous than they actually were?
3. Acts 4 ends with Barnabas generously giving the proceeds from his land, while Acts 5 begins with Ananias and Sapphira. What contrast do you think Luke wants us to see between them?
4. Why do you think God dealt so severely with Ananias and Sapphira at this early stage in the life of the church?
5. Verse 11 says, “Great fear gripped the entire church.” What do you think the believers learned about God, holiness, and integrity through what happened?

Application Questions:

1. Ananias and Sapphira wanted to appear more committed than they actually were. Where are we most tempted to manage our spiritual image rather than be completely honest with God?
2. How can comparison with the generosity or commitment of other people lead us toward unhealthy motives?
3. This passage makes it clear that God was concerned not simply with how much they gave, but with the condition of their hearts. How should that shape the way we think about generosity?
4. Is there an area of your life where you are tempted to say, “God can have this much, but I’m keeping this part for myself”?
5. What would it look like for you to be “all in” with God—not just appearing committed, but genuinely surrendering your heart, priorities, and resources to Him?