



Men's Huddle
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Ananias and Sapphira
Acts 4:32-5:11
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I. Background

The Bible is realistic; recording both the strengths and weaknesses of God's people.

- Abraham lied
- Moses disobeyed
- David committed adultery and murder

II. Acts 4:32-5:11

- A. The positive side is of the passage
This isn't socialism.

The _____ nature of the gospel.

The _____ nature of the gospel leads to _____ transformation (the Christ-likeness) which results in _____ living and generosity!

However, there should be no poor among you, for in the land the LORD your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you...

Duet 15:4

B. The Negative Side

Nadab & Abihu (Lev. 10)

Achan (Josh 7)

Uzzah (2 Sam 6)

Ananais & Sapphira

“People God struck dead”

C. Does this seem harsh? _____

D. Why does God do this? _____

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature^{is} will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Gal. 6:7-8

III. Application

A. _____ a truth-teller.

This wasn't ultimately a _____ problem; it was an _____ problem.

Sin is putting a _____ ahead of God; sin is seeking to establish your identity _____ from God.

Your identity will always be _____ when anything but God is your highest love.

“The almost impossibly hard thing is to hand over your whole self to Christ. But it is far easier than what we are all trying to do instead. For what we are trying to do is remain what we call “ourselves”- our personal happiness centered on money or pleasure or ambition-and hoping, despite this, to behave honestly and chastely and humbly. And that is exactly what Christ warned us you cannot do. If I am a grass field-all the cutting will keep the grass less but won't produce wheat. If I want wheat.....I must be plowed up and re-sown.”

Is Christianity Hard or Easy?
C.S. Lewis

B. _____ is out to destroy you, so fight back. (vs. 3)

How do we fight back? (1 Peter 5:8-9)

C. Sin is always sing against _____. (vs. 4)

Questions

1. How do you relate to this passage and the judgment of God?
2. How and why do we minimize sin?
3. What are the take aways for you?