

Acts 5

Chapter Guided Discovery

Acts 5 shows God's holiness, the apostles' courage, and the unstoppable witness of Jesus' name.

Scripture Spotlight

Acts 5:29
"We ought to obey
God rather than men."

CHAPTER SUMMARY

Acts 5 warns against pretending before God through Ananias and Sapphira, then shows the apostles ministering with power. When religious leaders arrest them, an angel frees them and sends them back to teach. After trial and beating, they rejoice and keep preaching Jesus.

CORE TRUTH

God cares about truth in His people and courage in His witnesses. Acts 5 teaches that hidden sin is serious, but faithful obedience to Christ must continue even when people oppose it.

DID YOU KNOW?

Gamaliel was a respected Jewish teacher in the council. His advice kept the apostles from being killed that day, but Acts 5 still shows that cautious delay is not the same as true faith in Jesus.

QUICK TAKEAWAY

- God sees the heart, not just the gift.
- The Holy Spirit must not be treated lightly.
- Opposition cannot stop God's Word.
- Believers can rejoice even when obedience costs them.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

WORD BANK

Sapphira Holy Spirit apostles prison angel Gamaliel

1. Ananias and _____ agreed to hide the truth about their gift.
2. Peter said the lie was against the _____.
3. God worked signs and wonders through the _____.
4. The leaders placed the apostles in _____.
5. An _____ opened the prison doors at night.
6. _____ warned the council not to act rashly against the apostles.

MATCH IT

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| Ananias | A. A respected teacher who advised caution before the council. |
| Sapphira | B. The place where the believers gathered in unity. |
| Solomon's Porch | C. A woman who joined her husband in a dishonest plan. |
| Sadducees | D. A group angered by the apostles' message and influence. |
| Peter | E. A man who lied about the gift from his sold possession. |
| Gamaliel | F. The apostle who spoke boldly before the council. |

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. What was the main sin exposed in Ananias and Sapphira?
A. They owned property.
B. They pretended to give honestly while lying.
C. They forgot to bring an offering.
D. They asked Peter too many questions.
2. What did the apostles do after the angel released them?
A. Returned to the temple and taught the people.
B. Left Jerusalem immediately.
C. Hid from the council.
D. Sold all their possessions.
3. Why were the religious leaders upset with the apostles?
A. The apostles refused to visit the temple.
B. The apostles had stopped teaching.
C. The apostles were filling Jerusalem with the message about Jesus.
D. The apostles asked Gamaliel to defend them.
4. How did the apostles respond after being beaten?
A. They promised never to speak again.
B. They rejoiced and continued teaching Jesus as the Christ.
C. They argued with Gamaliel.
D. They joined the Sadducees.

PUT IN ORDER

- _____ The apostles are beaten but continue proclaiming Jesus.
- _____ Ananias and Sapphira lie about their gift and are judged.
- _____ An angel opens the prison and sends the apostles to teach.
- _____ Many believers are added as signs and wonders are done.
- _____ The apostles are arrested and placed in public prison.
- _____ Gamaliel advises the council not to rush to kill them.

TRUE OR FALSE

- _____ 1. Ananias was required to give all the money from the land.
- _____ 2. Great fear came upon the church after God judged the deception.
- _____ 3. The apostles stopped preaching after being placed in prison.
- _____ 4. The angel told the apostles to hide outside Jerusalem.
- _____ 5. Peter and the apostles said obedience to God comes before human commands.
- _____ 6. Gamaliel's advice helped keep the apostles from being killed that day.

SHORT ANSWER

1. What did Ananias and Sapphira try to hide?
2. Why did the leaders arrest the apostles?
3. What message did the apostles keep teaching?
4. What does Acts 5 teach about obeying God when people oppose His command?

NOTES & THOUGHTS

PERSONAL REFLECTION

In this season I will...

PRAYER PROMPT

Lord, give me an honest heart before You. Help me care more about truth than appearances, and give me courage to obey You even when it is difficult. Teach me to speak of Jesus with faith, humility, and boldness.

REMEMBER

God's people must walk in truth, obey with courage, and keep pointing others to Jesus.