

Bay Life Church Message Notes

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The Not Quite Witness

Acts 5:1-11

*But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, ² and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought **only a part of it** and laid it at the apostles' feet.*

Acts 5:1-2

- God gave us everything, and He wants it back

¹⁷ So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin

James 4:17

What does this passage tell us about the “Not Quite”?

- The “Not Quite” are playing for the other team.

*³ But Peter said, “Ananias, why has **Satan filled your heart** to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?”*

Acts 5:3

- The “Not Quite” are lying to God

*³ But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴ While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.”*

Acts 5:3-4

- The Big Fibs
 1. I don't need grace.
 2. I deserve grace.

- The “Not Quite” are subject to God's judgment

⁵ When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. ⁶ The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.

Acts 5:5-6

- The “Not Quite” need to choose repentance

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⁷ After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." ⁹ But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." ¹⁰ Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹ And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

Acts 5:7-11