

**Series:** ACTS 180 – When the World  
Was Turned Upside Down!  
**Message Title:** “RADICAL TRANSPARENCY”  
180 Church | Acts 4:36-5:11  
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**Acts 17:6** “These men who have turned the world upside down, they have come here also.”

**Acts 4:36-5:11** “Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup> sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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? <sup>4</sup> 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.” <sup>5</sup> When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. <sup>6</sup> The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.

<sup>7</sup> After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup> And Peter said to her, “Tell me whether you<sup>[a]</sup> sold the land for so much.” And she said, “Yes, for so much.” <sup>9</sup> 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.”

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.”

**The \_\_\_\_\_ of God doesn't make us *fortunate receivers*,  
it makes us *generous givers*.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ will keep the church from  
being what it was created to be.**

LOOK IN:

1. How does God's grace inspire you to be more generous?
2. Have you ever tried to make yourself look better than you are? What happened? How does this story encourage or challenge you?
3. Are there areas in your life where you struggle to be transparent, authentic, or real? Why do you think those areas are difficult for you?

4. Is there anything in this sermon that really hit home with you or was especially convicting? What would it look like for you to embrace this newfound truth?
5. What's something you could do to become a more real, authentic, and transparent follower of Jesus?

NOTES: