

Falsehood Is Deadly

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Acts 5:1-16

The story of Ananias and Sapphira is a troubling and cautionary tale. This new community sought to understand and live out the emerging ethic of a new kingdom set in motion by Jesus. We learn to take falsehood seriously from this unfortunate couple.

God knows our thoughts, our deeds, our temptations. He understands the brokenness within us that makes room for our vulnerability to certain sins. Just like Adam and Eve, Ananias and Sapphira seem to think that they could somehow cover the shame of their choices. Interestingly, both the story of our genesis as humanity and our genesis as the Church include the testimony of a husband and wife who tragically choose to act as if God is ignorant.

Perhaps nothing is more deadly to the soul than the sin that we think is hidden. Those secret sins are the very sins that bring our death. Hiding sin, or ignoring sin destroys our relationship to God, to each other, to creation, and to self.

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