

“AN UNLIKELY ATTACK FROM THE INSIDE”

Acts 5:1-11

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The general setting of our text: *Chapters 1-3*
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
- B. The specific setting of our text: *Acts 4:36-37*

II. MOVING TO A NEW LOCATION AND CHANGING THE BAIT:

- A. The characters of the story:
 - 1. Ananias and Sapphira:
 - 2. Peter:
- B. The dynamics of the sin: *v. 3*
 - 1. Selected by Satan: (*Jn. 8:44; Ja. 1:13*)
 - 2. Prompted by pride: (*Gen. 3; Isa. 14:12-15; Pro. 8:13; 6:16-19*)
 - 3. The local church targeted: *vv. 3, 9 (I Cor. 3:16; II Tim. 3:15)*
- C. The story unfolds:
 - 1. The act and statement of Ananias and Sapphira: *vv. 1-2, 8*
 - 2. The premeditation to deceive the church: *vv. 3-4, 8-9*
 - 3. The confrontation by Peter: *vv. 3-4, 8-9*
 - 4. The judgment of the Head of the local church: *vv. 5-6, 10*
 - 5. The impact of the fear of the Lord Jesus Christ: *vv. 5, 11*
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming “people of the Word” in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.