



Our Roots

A Line in the Sand

Every church member needs to have the characteristics of Barnabas

Acts 4:36-37

³⁶ Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

He was generous, an encourager and a peacemaker



The enemy will not stand by idly

Acts 5:1-2

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. ² With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.



God drew a line in the sand

God knows your heart



And the church was blessed

Acts 5:14

¹⁴ Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.



The enemy drew a line in the sand

Acts 5:17-18

¹⁷ Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.



The apostles drew a line in the sand

Acts 5:29

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!”



Gamaliel drew a line in the sand

Acts 5:38-39

³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”



The apostles were “blessed”

Acts 5:40-42

⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.



AND THE CHURCH
THRIVED !

