

- How do I feel -

About
MY WORTH?

Acts 5:1-11

Orchard Valley
11th June, 2023

ACTS 5: I-II (NET)

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ACTS 5: 1-11 (NET)

“How have you thought up this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God!”

When Ananias heard these words he collapsed and died, and great fear gripped all who heard about it. So the young men came, wrapped him up, carried him out and buried him.

ACTS 5: 1-11 (NET)

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, but she did not know what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me, were the two of you paid this much for the land?" Sapphira said, "Yes, that much." Peter then told her, "Why have you agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord?"

ACTS 5: 1-11 (NET)

“Look! The feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out!” At once she collapsed at his feet and died. So when the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her with her husband. Great fear gripped the whole church and all who heard about these things.

THREE QUESTIONS (when we're puzzled by a passage):



WHAT HAPPENS?

What happened in this account of Peter and Ananias and Sapphira?



HOW DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

How do we make sense of this event in the context of Biblical event?



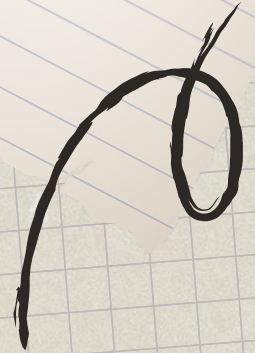
WHAT IS THE LESSON FOR US?

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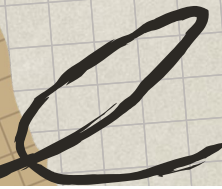


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What happens?

In the case of Ananias and Sapphira



WHAT HAPPENED?

THEY OWNED PROPERTY

WAS THIS NORMAL OR UNUSUAL?

THEY SOLD IT

WHY?

THEY GAVE SOME OF IT TO THE APOSTLES

WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM?

THEY LIED

WHY?

THEY DIED

WHEN CONFRONTED BY PETER

FEAR GRIPPED THE COMMUNITY

WHAT KIND OF FEAR?



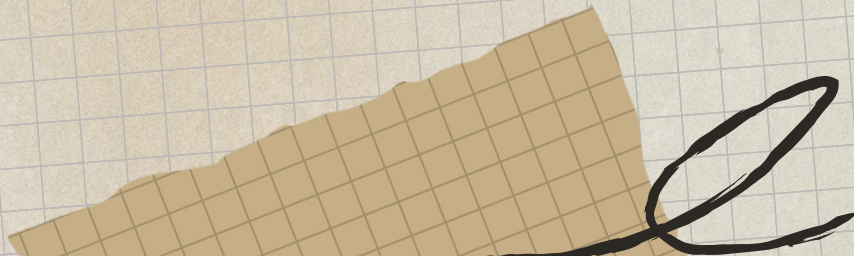
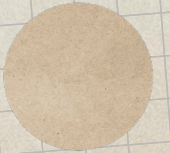


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What difference
does it make?

Making Sense of it



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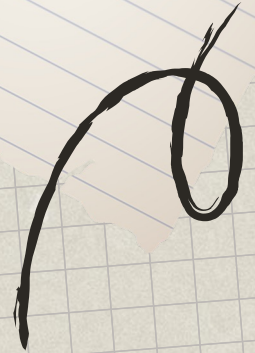
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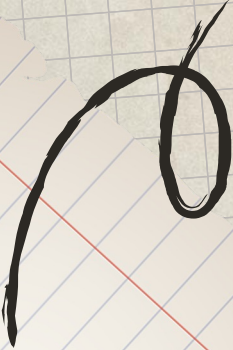
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context

So Joseph, a Levite who was a native of Cyprus, called by the apostles Barnabas (which is translated "son of encouragement"), sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and placed it at the apostles' feet. Acts 4:36-37




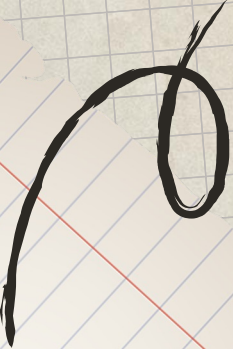


context

All who believed were together and held everything in common, and they began selling their property ... and distributing the proceeds to everyone, as anyone had need. Acts 2:45



context



The group of those who believed were of one heart and mind, and no one said that any of his possessions was his own, but everything was held in common. Acts 4:32



context

With great power the apostles were giving testimony and to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and **great grace** was on them all. For there was no one needy among them, because those who were owners of land or houses were selling them ...

Acts 4:34



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- What happens immediately after?


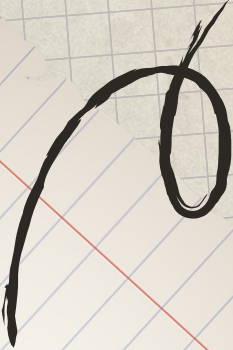
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context

Now the high priest rose up, and all those with him (that is the religious party of the Sadducees), and they were filled with **jealousy**. They laid hands on **the apostles and put them in a public jail**. Acts 5:17-18

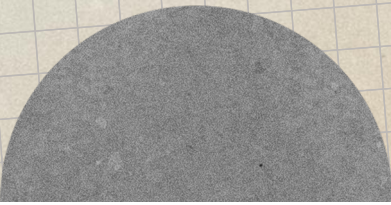
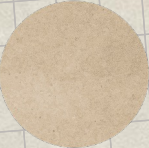




I - God working through:



giving


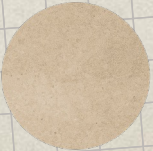


2 - Testing through:


persecution

3 - Testing through:

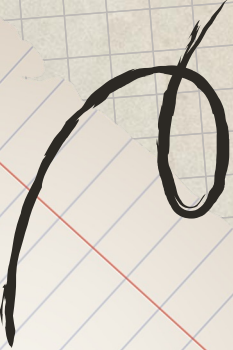
inner purity




Who was **Barnabas**?

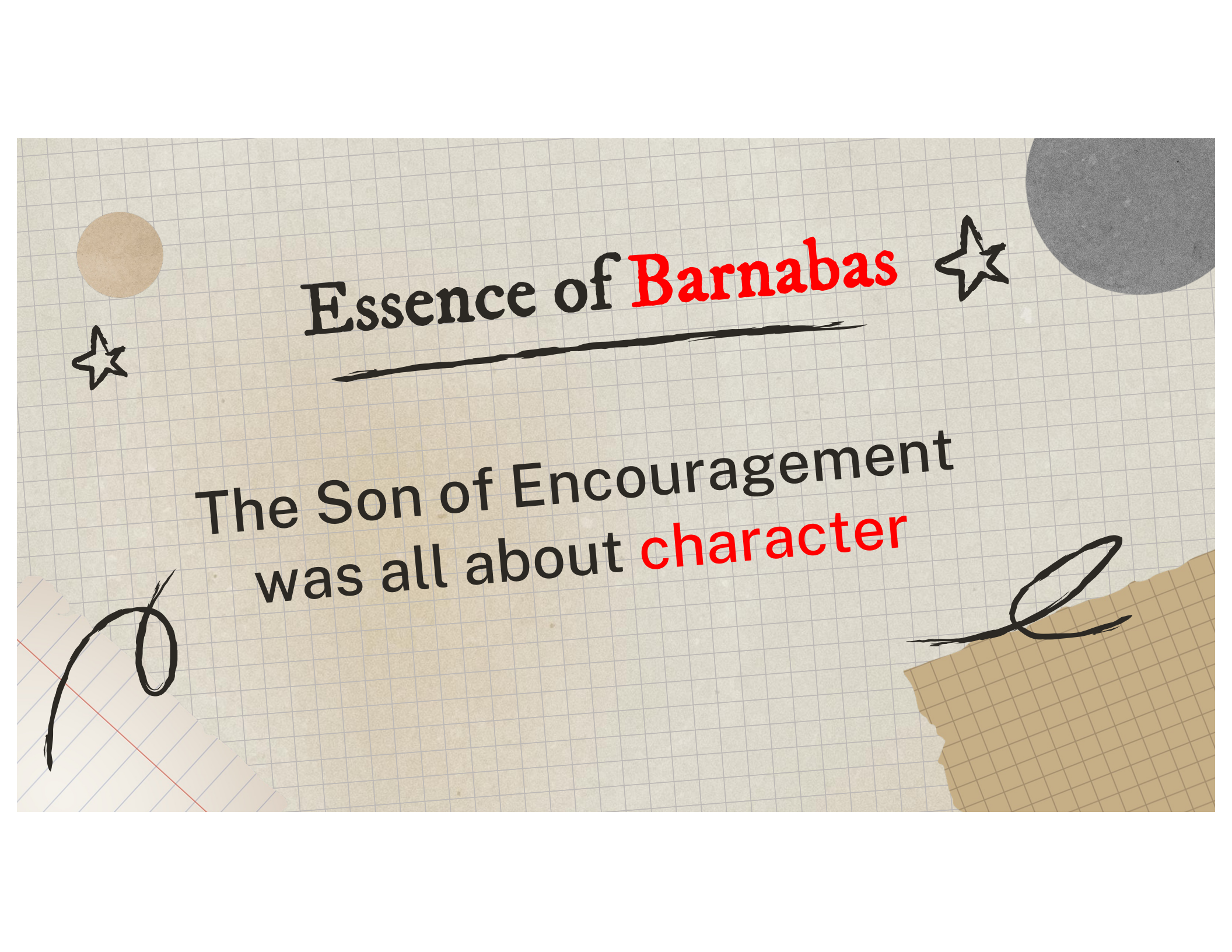


From Cyprus
A Levite



Sold a field and donated all the proceeds
Sent from Jerusalem to Antioch
Recruited Paul from Tarsus
Initiated the First Missionary Journey
Stood by John Mark
Nickname: Son of Encouragement






Essence of **Barnabas** ★

The Son of Encouragement
was all about **character**



Essence of **High**
~~Priest & Sadducees~~

They were filled with
jealousy





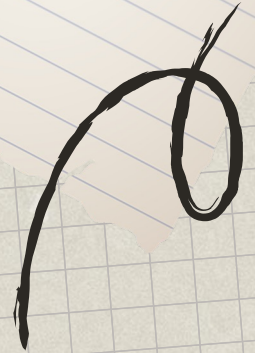
Mistake of **Ananias**
and Sapphira



They attempted **deception**
- a compromise of inner
purity

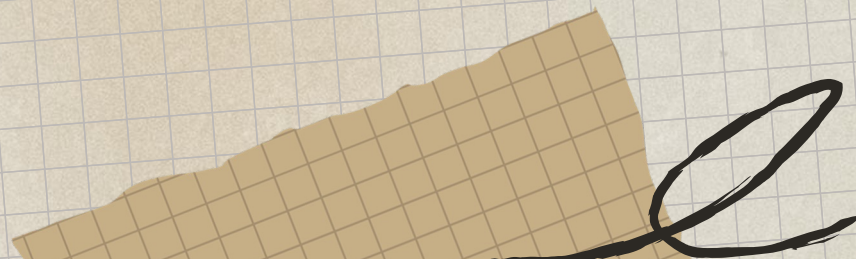


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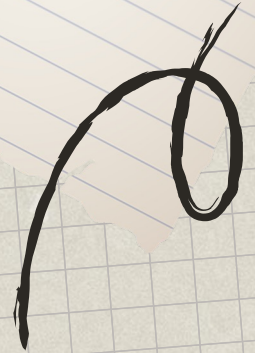
What is our application?

Making a difference in my life



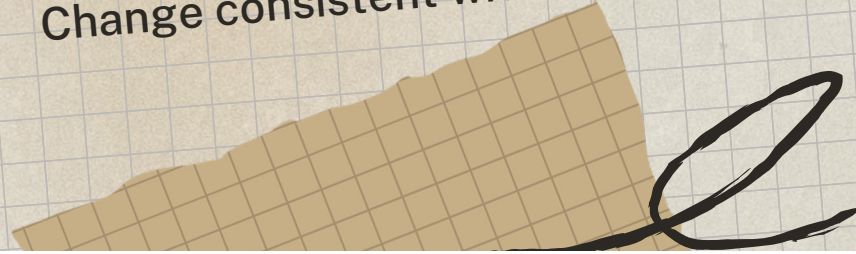


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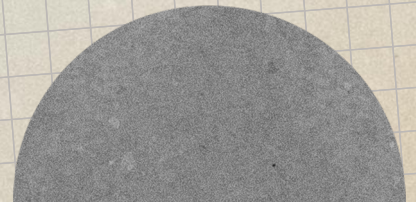
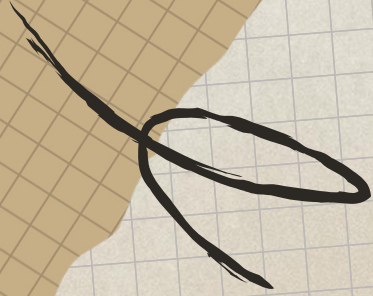
What are the lessons learned?

Change consistent with God's way of doing things



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giving

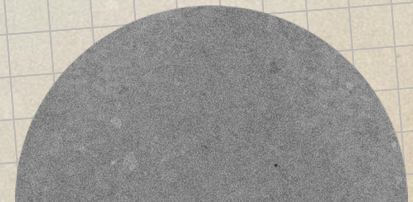
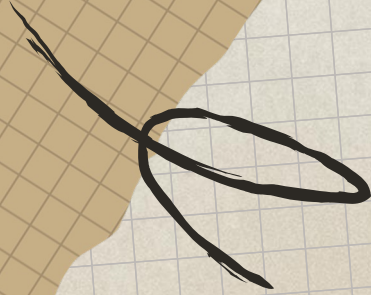


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