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MISSION UNSTOPPABLE

Acts 4v32 – 5v11

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Under attack...

- 1) **Corruption** – Acts 4v32 – 5v11
- 2) **Persecution** – Acts 5v12-42
- 3) **Distraction** – Acts 6v1-7



1) A church that is filled with the Spirit

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V34-35: For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

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V36-37: 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.

Nicknames matter!!

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V4: Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal?

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V5: When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.

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“The story of Ananias is to the book of Acts what the story of Achan is to the book of Joshua. In both narratives an act of deceit interrupts the victorious progress of the people of God.”

FF Bruce

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- God is a holy God and he wants his church to be holy
- Jesus died to forgive us but that doesn't mean we should take sin lightly

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1 Pet 2v24: “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

