

# **SERMON**

DATE: Saturday/Sunday, June 16-17, 2018

SERMON SERIES: CALLED OUT: A SWOT ANALYSIS OF THE CHURCH

SERMON TITLE: When Opposition Comes from Home

SCRIPTURE: Acts 5;1-6, 11-14

[1] 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.

[3] Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? <sup>4</sup>

[4] Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

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

[6] Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

[11] Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

[12] The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.

[13] No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people.

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

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*"Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats"*

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1. We are all susceptible to sin, selfishness, and rebellion.
2. We are all tempted toward praise.
3. We are all tempted to lie, even to God.
4. God can do mighty work through our obedience and faithfulness.
5. God can bring good from the worst.
  - *Romans 8:28* And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
  - *Philippians 1:12* Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.
6. Humble submission to God brings great power and change.

