

## Dig Deeper Acts 4:32-5:11 for personal study and Life Groups...

	<h3><u>Extraordinary Generosity</u></h3> <p>(4:32-37)</p> <p>Story! Q) Is ownership wrong?</p>  <p>↑ Drink deeply of the grace of God in Jesus!</p> <p>↔ See your sisters and brothers as family!</p>	<h3><u>Extraordinary Dishonesty</u></h3> <p>(5:1-11)</p> <p>Story! Q) Why such a harsh penalty?</p>  <p>↑ Fear God!</p> <p>↔ Be careful in your godliness (esp speech)</p>
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Have a good read through the passage and then have a go at the questions...

1. This passage includes some real highs and lows. What are they, and why do you think it's important that Luke didn't just include the positives?
2. What strikes you most from each of the two halves of the story?
3. What lessons about God do we need to learn from this passage? How does remembering them stop us from an empty moralism that tries to be generous and truthful in our own strength?
4. What are the dangers of hoarding, and what are the dangers of giving? Which is more of a danger for you? What practically can you do as a result of this passage?

[For further reading, look at the story of Achan in Joshua 7. What parallels can you see?  
NB this was at the start of the new community of God as they entered the Promised Land]

### Resources...

- John Stott has written a great Bible Speaks Today commentary on Acts. [Here](#) is a short quote from it on the three Satanic challenges to the gospel in the early chapters of Acts, which he says are also found in the book of Revelation, and still the main three in the church today.
- Interesting [article](#) by Sam Crabtree on teaching our kids (and ourselves!) to tell the truth.
- Interesting [article](#) by Art Lindsley on "Does the book of Acts command socialism?"

