

# Sermon Series: Acts The Church on Fire

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## Acts 4:23-5:11 True Faith vs False Faith

**=>Hypocrite: The worst thing anyone can be. It's also the Greek word for actor.**

**\*True faith will bring out the best in us. False faith will bring out the worst in us.**

### I. The Best

- A. Believers living in faith
  - 1. One heart and soul (mind)
  - 2. Apostles testified with power and grace
- B. Good example
  - 1. Joseph of Cyprus
  - 2. Barnabas = son of encouragement
  - 3. An example becomes a pattern for others to follow
- C. Result: Faith leads believers to use life to help others. Meeting physical and spiritual needs.

### II. The Worst

- A. "Believers" not living by faith
  - 1. Ananias and Sapphira
  - 2. Made a commitment to God
  - 3. Posing for posture = hypocrite
- B. Satan filled their hearts
  - 1. It was their property to use or not
  - 2. Focus was on man and not God (how they look before man instead of how they stand before God)
- C. Result: Claiming a faith and not living in faith is lying to God.

### III. Great Fear

- A. Seized the whole "church"

- B. "All who heard"
- C. Fear of God
  - 1. Concerned with God's reaction
  - 2. Zephaniah 1:5-6
  - 3. "Penalty" or "Rule" miracle
- D. Result: God's love casts out fear. (1 John 4:18)

#### **IV. Live it Out**

- A. What is the goal of your faith? Better person or more like Christ?
- B. What areas of your faith are just for posturing?
- C. Are you afraid of God?

#### **V. True faith will bring out the best in us. False faith will bring out the worst in us.**