



## So Worth It Risky Giving vs. Risqué Giving

God honors risky giving but abhors risqué giving. Check out Sunday's message and learn from two individuals how NOT to give, then lean into risky giving. It will be so worth it!

### Scripture:

*There were no needy people among them because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.*

Acts 4:34

*But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property. <sup>2</sup> He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest.*

*<sup>3</sup> Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. <sup>4</sup> The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!"*

*<sup>5</sup> As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. Everyone who heard about it was terrified. <sup>6</sup> Then some young men got up, wrapped him in a sheet, and took him out and buried him.*

*<sup>7</sup> About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup> Peter asked her, "Was this the price you and your husband received for your land?"*

*"Yes," she replied, "that was the price."*

*<sup>9</sup> And Peter said, "How could the two of you even think of conspiring to test the Spirit of the Lord like this? The young men who buried your husband are just outside the door, and they will carry you out, too."*

*<sup>10</sup> Instantly, she fell to the floor and died. When the young men came in and saw that she was dead, they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. <sup>11</sup> Great fear gripped the entire church and everyone else who heard what had happened.*

Acts 5:1-10

*"I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods."*  
Exodus 20:5

**Icebreaker and Intro Questions:**

1. Which of the stories we have unpacked in this series has impacted you the most? Why do you think that is?
2. What resonated with you from Sunday's service? (Sermon, scripture, song, etc.)

**Discussion Questions**

3. Read Acts 5:1-10 quietly by yourself. Spend a moment reflecting on what you notice in this passage. What is the most shocking part of this story to you? What about this story convicts you?
4. Eddie unpacked the difference between risky and risqué giving in his message. A risqué gift is artificial, superficial, and intended for the wrong audience. What about this differentiation challenges and comforts you?
5. Read Exodus 20:5 together as a group. What do we learn about God's character here? Eddie shared that God is jealous for the health and integrity of his Church. What does this teach us about our relationship with God and with the church?
6. Eddie shared that when we give, both motive and amount matter. How do we see this happen in our story today? How can this be a struggle in our lives?
7. Why do you think financial generosity is so connected to our spiritual growth?

**This week:**

- 21 Days of Compassion is our effort to bring kindness, love, and generosity to as many people as possible! Learn more about ways to partner with local opportunities, get some ideas, and log an act of compassion at [www.wschurch.org/21Days](http://www.wschurch.org/21Days).

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