

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Group Sign-Up

From October 29 through November 19, everyone at NewDay is invited to participate in a 4 week small group discussing the book *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan. If you are interested in being involved in a small group, please sign-up using this QR code.



Alpha Begins Tomorrow, September 18

6:00-8:00 pm at Taco JED

Alpha is a community gathering over a meal where we discuss faith and life's big questions. All are welcome. Contact derek@newdaycov.org to get involved.

Children and Youth Groups Begin This Week

NewDay's Middle School and High School Group begins tomorrow, September 18. NewDay's Kids Group begins Thursday, September 21. Both groups meet from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Cabin. To get involved, contact melinda@newdaycov.org.

NEWDAY WEEKLY EMAIL

If you would like to receive NewDay's Weekly Email, with information about upcoming community opportunities, write your name and email here, rip it off, and leave this at the Offering Table in the back.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP GATHERING

"I will give them one heart and one mind so that they may worship me all the days of their lives..." Jeremiah 35:39

NEWDAY COVENANT CHURCH

A New Day for NewDay

A look into why we gather, from the book of Acts



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September 17, 2023

Pastor Kari Jacott

***Which Of These Kids
Are Doing Their Own Thing?***

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32-37

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them. 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.

36 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.

Acts 5:1-11

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? 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.

7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price."

9 Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

10 At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. 11 Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

NOTES

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What is the "special sauce" in Christian community that is distinctive and different from the worldly sense of community?
- What are my favorite parts of Christian community?
- What part of Christian community has been disappointing to me?
- When have I seen Christian community at its best? And, not so best?
- What part of the story of Ananias and Sapphira do I struggle with, or is troubling? What part is personal to me? What questions do I have about this passage?
- Consider the Contrast of Acts 4:32-37 and 5:1-11. What stands out to you the most?
- When we consider Western culture, as well as our own work ethics, what challenges you in this passage about sharing, possessions, work, and tithing/philanthropy?
- What is radical about these passages to you?
- What do you learn about God from these passages?

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