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(31) And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

(32) And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

(33) And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

(34) Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

(35) And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

(36) And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

(37) Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Chapter 5

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(2) And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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(2) And kept back part of the price, his wife also knowing about it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet^a.

4:31d – filled with the Holy Spirit – they had been baptized by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a one-time event that occurs when a person believes in Jesus – the filling of the Holy Spirit may occur many times because we are earthen vessels with cracks and leaks – we need repeated filling!

5:2a - kept back part of it - the land was his to do with as he chose - the problem was that apparently he claimed that he was giving all of the money to the apostles in order to receive the praise of people - see Acts 5:4,8

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(3) But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?
(4) Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.
(5) And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.
(6) And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried *him* out, and buried *him*.
(7) And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.
(8) And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.
(9) Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband *are* at the door, and shall carry thee out.
(10) Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying *her* forth, buried *her* by her husband.
(11) And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

(3) But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?
(4) While it remained, was it not yours to own? and after it was sold, was it not in your own power? why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God.
(5) And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the spirit {died}^b: and great fear came on all those who heard these things.
(6) And the young men arose, wrapped *him* up, and carried *him* out, and buried *him*.
(7) And it was about the space of three hours later, when his wife, not knowing what had happened, came in.
(8) And Peter said to her, Tell me whether you sold the land for so much? And she said, Yes, for so much.
(9) Then Peter said to her, How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and shall carry you out.
(10) Then she fell down immediately at his feet, and yielded up the spirit {died}: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying *her* forth, buried *her* by her husband.
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5:5b - gave up the ghost - gave up his spirit - i.e. he died

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(12) And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.
(13) And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.
(14) And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)
(15) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.
(16) There came also a multitude *out* of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.
(17) Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,
(18) And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.
(19) But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,
(20) Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

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(15) So much so that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.
(16) There also came a multitude *out* of the cities all around Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and those who were harassed by unclean spirits: and every one of them was healed.
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5:12c – Acts 3:11