### The Stories in History #74 — We are Hypocrites! — Study

The purpose of this study is to help us recognize our hypocrisy and to live as authentic followers of Jesus.

#### Acts 5:1-11: A story of Hypocrisy

* What happened in this story?
  + ¿What else caught your attention in this story?
* What is the definition of hypocrisy?
  + How are we hypocrites?
  + How are we alike from Ananias and Sapphira?
* What do we learn about how God sees our hypocrisy?
  + Was his punishment too hard?

#### 2 Timothy 2:19-22: We fight against our hypocrisy by running from our sin

* Why should we flee from our sin?
* How do we flee from our sin?
* What happens when we flee from our sin?

#### Hebrews 3:12-13 and James 5:16-20: We fight against hypocrisy by confessing our sin

* How does our Christian family help us with our fight against our sin?
* Why should we confess our sin?
* What happens when we confess our sin?

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#### Application

##### Non-Christian: Perhaps this is why you have not made your decision

* You have seen so much hypocrisy in others
  + You doubt if this is real
* And no matter how much you try
  + You can never become the person you should be
    - You think you will fail as a Christian
      * If you can’t even clean yourself complete before
* Jesus invites you to surrender to Him
  + To decide to follow him
    - Throughout repentance and baptism
      * Accepting Him as your Lord and Savior
* Then you will fight with God’s help
  + You will have the Holy Spirit
    - You can make your flesh die
      * In a way that you alone cannot do
* You will have His forgiveness
  + His grace
    - You will be free from the condemnation that you have
  + You will be his beloved and forgiven son

##### Christian: Flee and Confess

* What is your persistent sin you need to run away from?
  + How will you flee from this sin?
* What is the hidden sin you need to confess?
  + To whom and when will you confess it too?