

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?

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?