

HOW TO START A REVOLUTION

Only Jesus

Acts 4:32-5:11

Creekside Sermon Notes, Sunday, March 3rd, 2019

The Revolution in the early church was centred on Jesus. God invites us to be part of His modern day Revolution and declare, "Only Jesus!"

Key Question - "How can I be an effective part of the Revolution?"

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE REVOLUTION

UNITY

"All the believers were united in heart and mind." Acts 4:32 NLT

"In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things love."
Augustine

"God, help me to be one with my brothers and sisters in Christ."

GENEROSITY

"And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had." Acts 4:32 NLT

"God, all I have is yours. Help me to have a generous heart to share."

TESTIMONY

"The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all." Acts 4:33 NLT

"God, please help me to boldly point others to Jesus."

THREATS TO THE REVOLUTION

Ananias and Sapphira died for the threats they brought to the Revolution. Their tragic story teaches us to avoid these threats ...

PRACTICAL ATHEISM – Living as if God isn't really there.

"But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property. He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest." Acts 5:1-2 NLT

- In what ways am I living like God's not real?

DISHONESTY – Lying to God.

"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. The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. 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!'"
Acts 5:3-4 NLT

- In what ways have I been dishonest with God?

SELF PROMOTION – Wanting people's approval more than God's.

"About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, 'Was this the price you and your husband received for your land?' 'Yes,' she replied, 'that was the price.'" Acts 5:7-8 NLT

- In what ways am I living for people's approval rather than God's?

LESSON LEARNED. FEAR GOD – Look up to God. Look out for God.

"Great fear gripped the entire church and everyone else who heard what had happened." Acts 5:11 NLT

MY PRAYER

God, The desire of my heart is to follow You. Today I declare – "Only Jesus"!