

NEW ACTS #7: Acts 5:1-11 "MIND THE GAP"

on November 7, 1940, High winds took down the Tacoma Narrows Bridge just four months after it was constructed, because designers stressed aesthetics over structural integrity. the bridge was so wobbly Locals called "Galloping Gertie."

For any building structural integrity is critical. Structural **integrity** is the ability of a structure to withstand its intended loading without failing due to fracture, deformation, or fatigue.

- Aesthetics over integrity lead to collapse every single time - **SPIRITUALLY**

MP: If you care more about the spiritual show than your spiritual depth you will spiritually collapse.

- Everything can LOOK GOOD OUTSIDE – COLLAPSE IS COMING

1 Timothy 5:24 Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding *them* to judgment, but those of some *men* follow later.

THIS IS THE STORY OF ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA

LOOKING GOOD WAS WHAT MATTERED – WEARING MASK – NOT LST PPL chrch
HYPOCRISY WAS THE WORD – playing a part – ACTING – WHAT EVERYOND DID

The impression in public is intentionally different than the reality in private.

- **getting off the train in London – MIND THE GAP**

1 Peter 2:1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking.

UNDER NO OBLIGATION – no pressure FROM MAN OR GOD

- Had the right to hold the proceeds back – **IT BELONGED TO THEM**

Giving isn't coerced it comes from the heart. That's how it can be an act of worship.

- Everyone was living generously – **WANTED LOOK LIKE OTHERS/keep stuff**

SOMETHING IMPORTANT WAS MISSING

BENEFIT OF MARRIAGE – HOLD EACH OTHER IN CHECK

Mutual accountability as a couple to God's word – **WE CAN'T DO THIS...**

What kind of relationship with God do you have if you can't hold each other accountable?

BENEFIT OF BODY OF CHRIST – TRANS, ACCOUN, LOVING HELP, HEALING

- **HOW THIS COULD HAVE LOOKED DIFFERENT (shared struggle)**

PERSONAL INTEGRITY – Even when no one sees you choose to do the right thing.

If your private life was going to be exposed tomorrow what would you change today?

IT WILL BE EXPOSED - God took what was hidden and brought it into the light (**pse**)

You imagine if that was how God dealt w/hypocrisy? **WHAT WOULD BE LEFT OVER?**

Luke 12:3 Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

If you don't change it God will help you to change it **BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU**

Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

- **PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE GLORY OF GOD**

It's impossible for us to glorify God while we live as hypocrites.

TIMELESS LESSON

Fear and Awe – there is a mighty God among us who is jealous for His glory

THE LITTLE DECISIONS MATTER

- HIS PEOPLE - FAILURE AT AI - God promised victory – ACHIN AT JERICHO

Joshua 7:11 Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put *it* among **their own stuff**.

- **STUFF DOESN'T MATTER – GOD'S GLORY DOES**