



# Week 6: Hidden Secrets

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# RECAP

Week 5: Sea of Chaos  
The story of Jonah

God told Jonah to go to  
Nineveh to tell them  
that he was going to  
destroy them

Jonah ran away from  
God and tried to go to  
Tarshish, but God sent a  
storm and Jonah ended  
up in a fish for 3 days

Jonah prayed to God,  
and after the fish spit  
him out he went to  
Nineveh to tell them  
what God said

We can often be like  
Jonah when we say "No"  
to God's instruction for  
us

God doesn't need us to  
accomplish His will but  
He chooses to partner  
with us



**Do all secrets get  
discovered?**

**(OPEN DISCUSSION)**

# Ananias and Sapphira

- ▶ Husband : Ananias
- ▶ Wife : Sapphira
- ▶ They lived during the New Testament times
- ▶ Early members of the church of Jerusalem
- ▶ They had land



# Acts 5: 1- 10

Bible Story

## ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA

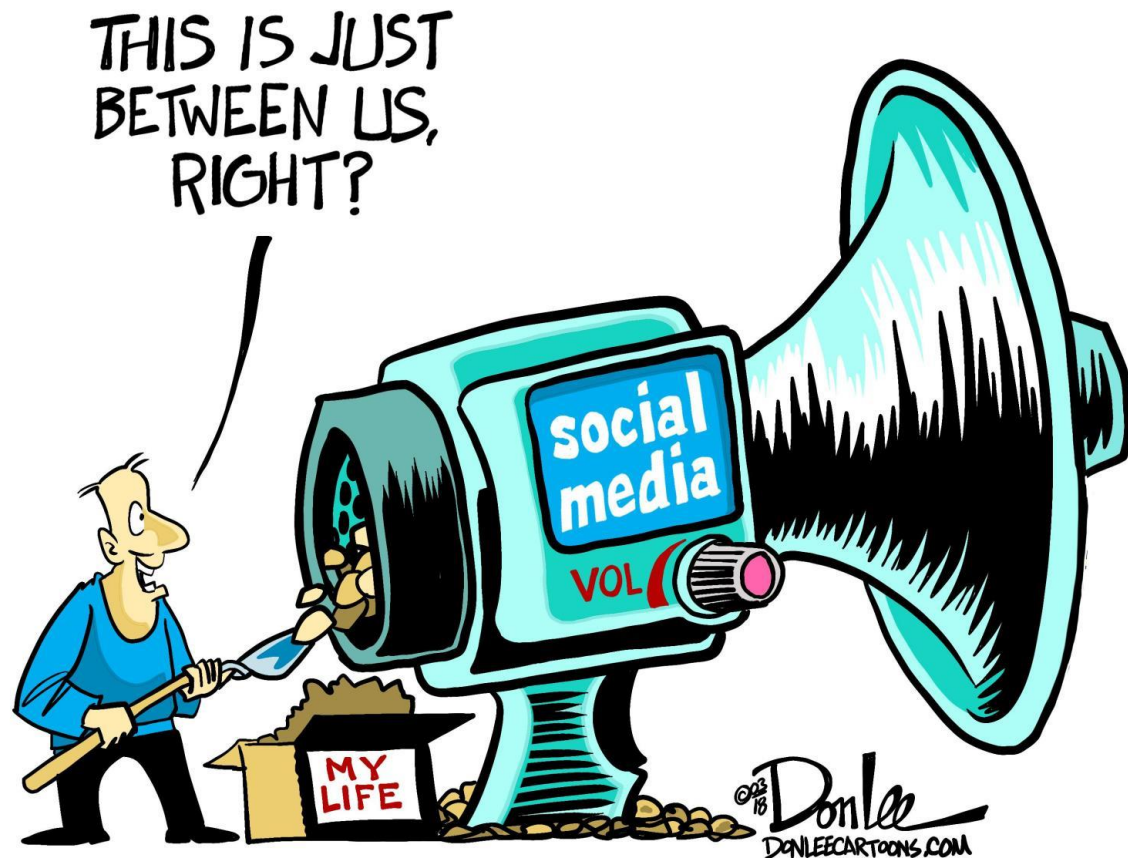
KIDS on the MOVE



# Honorable Mention: Gehazi

- ▶ Servant of Elisha
- ▶ Lied and took money and clothes from a man who Elisha (a prophet) had healed
- ▶ Even though he thought his sin was covered, because Elisha didn't see it, God revealed the sin to Elisha
- ▶ Gehazi was struck with the illness that the man had been healed of





Do we need to be open and share every area of our life with everyone?

*(Open Discussion)*

# Security vs Secrets



- ▶ **Not everything needs to be shared**
- ▶ **Private**
  - Personal
  - Confidential
  - Restricted information
  - Need to know information
- ▶ **Secret Sins**
  - Sins that we do, but that we try to hide from those around us
  - Can be anything
  - Often start with an area where we are tempted

# Can Our Secret Sin Stay Hidden?

## ► Yes

- From our friends
- From our family
- From people

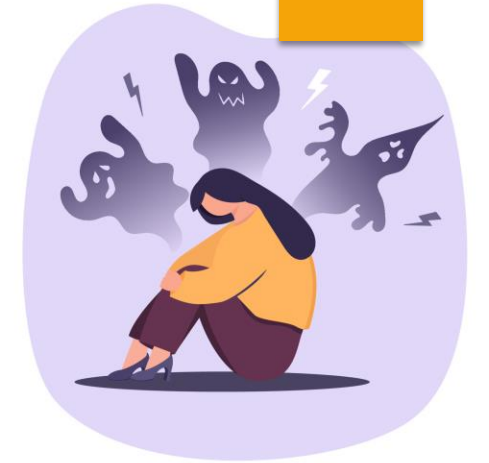
## ► No

- Our sins can be hidden from the entire world, but they are never hidden from God



# Dangers of Secret Sins

- ▶ Creates space for isolation
- ▶ Creates space for shame
- ▶ Creates fear
- ▶ Creates opportunities for lies, cover-ups and more secrets
- ▶ Creates bad situations for others around us



# How to Deal with Secret Sin

## ▶ Bring it to God

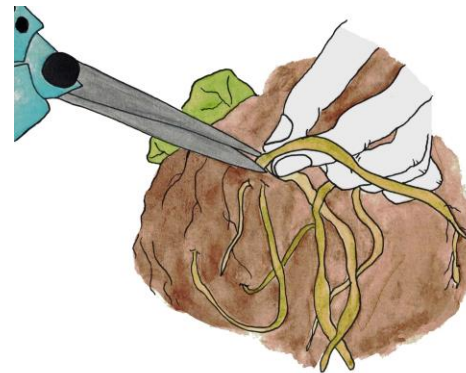
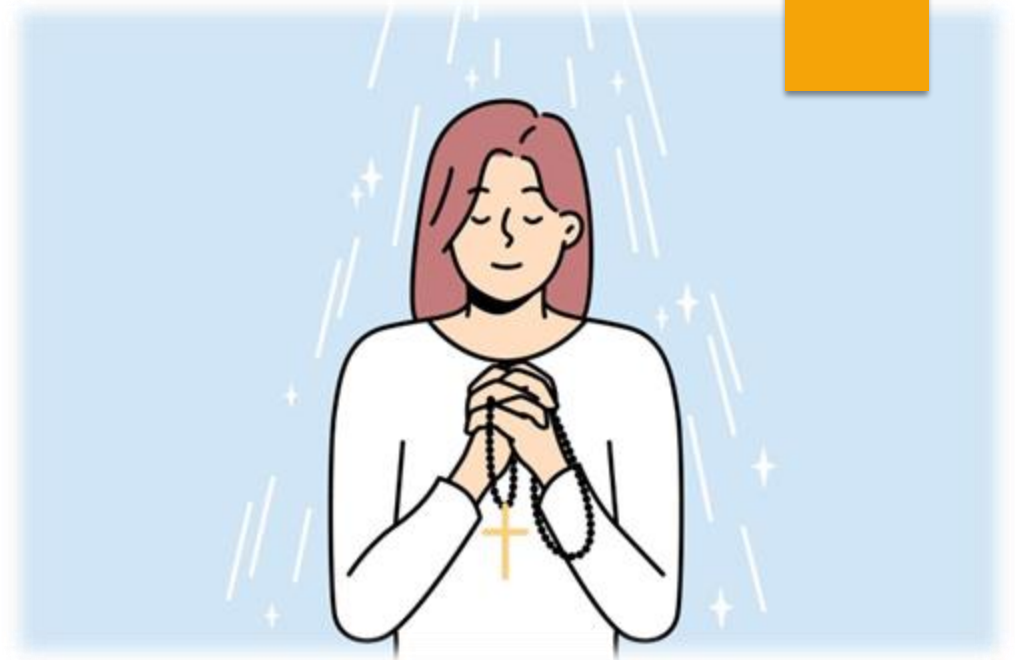
- Repentance
- Freedom

## ▶ Talk to someone else about it

- Someone you trust
- Someone who is grounded in their faith
- Someone who can hold you accountable

## ▶ Deal with the root of it

- "...But each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. (James 1: 14-15)



# Bringing Secrets into the Light

- ▶ Removes isolation
- ▶ Removes fear
- ▶ Creates space for healing
- ▶ Creates space for you to deal with the root of the problem
- ▶ Allows repentance to take over
- ▶ Allows you to bring God into the mix

