

# Acts 5:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

## Analysis

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Peter's direct question - 'Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much' - gave Sapphira clear opportunity to confess truth. The interrogative structure allowed yes/no response, removing ambiguity. Her answer 'Yea, for so much' repeated the lie, confirming conspiracy. The Greek 'nai' (yea) gave emphatic affirmation to known falsehood. Peter's question demonstrates pastoral confrontation's proper method: clear, specific, allowing confession. Her choice to maintain deception sealed judgment.

## Historical Context

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Ancient culture valued oaths and verbal commitments highly. Sapphira's deliberate 'yea' constituted binding testimony to falsehood before God and congregation. Peter's question followed judicial examination pattern, giving accused opportunity for truth before pronouncing judgment.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does Peter's direct questioning model appropriate pastoral confrontation of sin?
2. What does Sapphira's maintained lie despite opportunity for truth reveal about hardened hearts?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀπεκρίθη δὲ αὐτῇ ὁ Πέτρος εἴπειν μοι εἰ  
answered And unto her G3588 Peter Tell me whether  
G611 G1161 G846 G4074 G2036 G3427 G1487

τοσούτου τὸ χωρίον ἀπέδοσθε ἡ δὲ εἴπειν Ναί<sup>1</sup>  
for so much G3588 the land ye sold G3588 And Tell Yea  
G5118 G5564 G591 G1161 G2036 G3483

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for so much  
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