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Acts 2:41-47 ESV

(41) *So those who received his (Peter's) word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.*

(42) *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

(43) *And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.*

(44) *And all who believed were together and had all things in common.*

(45) *And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.*

(46) *And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,*

(47) *praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

Focus Verse:

(42) *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

Devoted themselves – Gave themselves – Continuously – Steadfastly – Way of life

FELLOWSHIP

1. Wrapped between "ADDED"

Acts 2:41…and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:47… And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

2. KOINONIA (Fellowship)

- Joint participation
- Share in something
- Partners in the mission Jesus gave them to make disciples (followers of Jesus) of the nations.
- Having things in common.
- Beyond casual socialising
- Included caring for one another's spiritual and material well-being
- Verses 42 and 44-46 describe this community
    - Studied the Word together
    - Ate together and Broke Bread together (Generosity and Gladness)
    - Met in the Temple and Homes
    - Prayed (x3 times a day)
    - Had things in common
    - Sold possessions and belongings and distributed them as any had need
    - Praised God
    - Had favour with all

3. Everyone & One Another (Beyond Jerusalem)

Colossians 1:28-29 ESV *Him (Jesus) we proclaim, warning **everyone** and teaching **everyone** with all wisdom, that we may present **everyone** mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.*

1 Peter 4:10 *As **everyone** has received a gift, use it to serve **one another**, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

Everyone is needed to grow a Healthy Church!

<u>One Another</u>

John 15:12 ESV *This is my commandment, that you **love one another** as I have loved you.*

1 Corinthians 12:25 ESV *…that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same **care for one another**.*

Galatians 5:13 ESV *…but through love **serve one another**.*

Galatians 6:2 ESV ***Bear one another's burdens**, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*

Ephesians 4:32 ESV ***Be kind to one another**, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV *Therefore **encourage one another** and **build one another up**, just as you are doing.*

Hebrews 3:13 ESV *But **exhort one another** every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*

Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV *And let us consider how to stir up **one another** to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of*

*some, but **encouraging one another**, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

James 5:16 ESV *Therefore, **confess your sins to one another** and **pray for one another…***

1 Peter 4:9 ESV ***Show hospitality to one another** without grumbling.*

4. Awe (Fear of God) & Supernatural

(43) *And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.*

- It is not about being scared of God – which drives people away from God
- It is about being so undone by who God is that you cannot help but draw closer to Him and obey Him – desire to please Him.
- The fear of God is the death to every other fear.
- We are living in a world where anxiety is being normalised, being paralysed by what tomorrow might bring.
- You cannot live in two kinds of fear simultaneously.
- The one you feed will consume the other.
- Feed a holy fear (awe). Obey; respect God's Word.
- Pursue God.

5. Vertical & Horizontal Connection

- Biblical fellowship connects believers vertically with God, and it naturally overflows into horizontal love and generosity towards your brothers and sisters.