

HEARTBEAT



Community

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Community

Is marked by the shared attributes of the people in it and/or by the strength of the connections among them.

It's a group of people we lean on when times are tough; our friends, family, and neighbors who are there for us when we need love, support and encouragement.



The Beauty of Community



They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

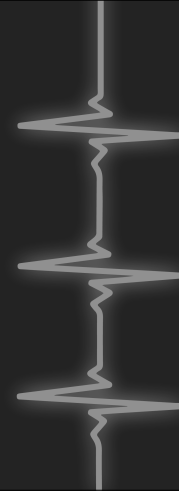


ACTS 2:42-47

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**A place to display the love we
have for one another**

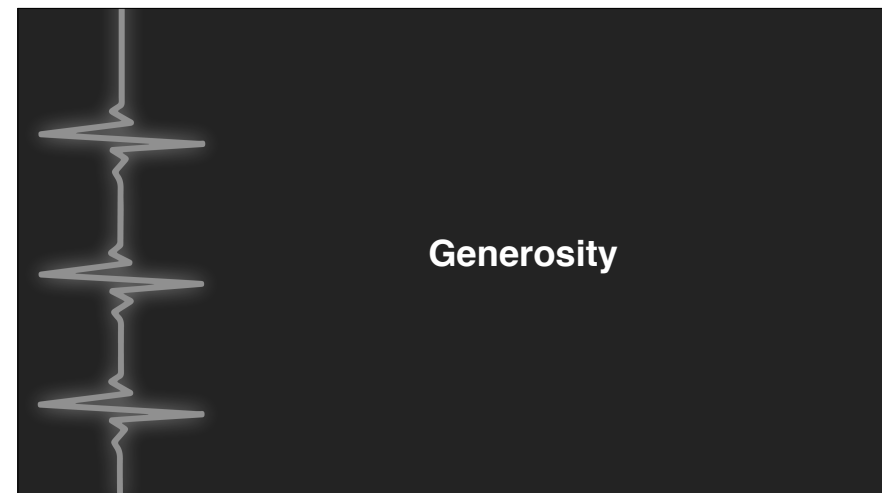
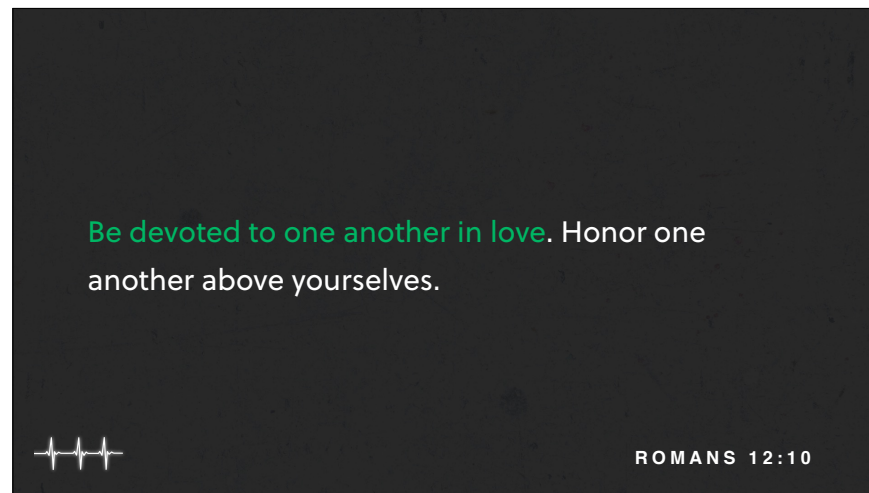
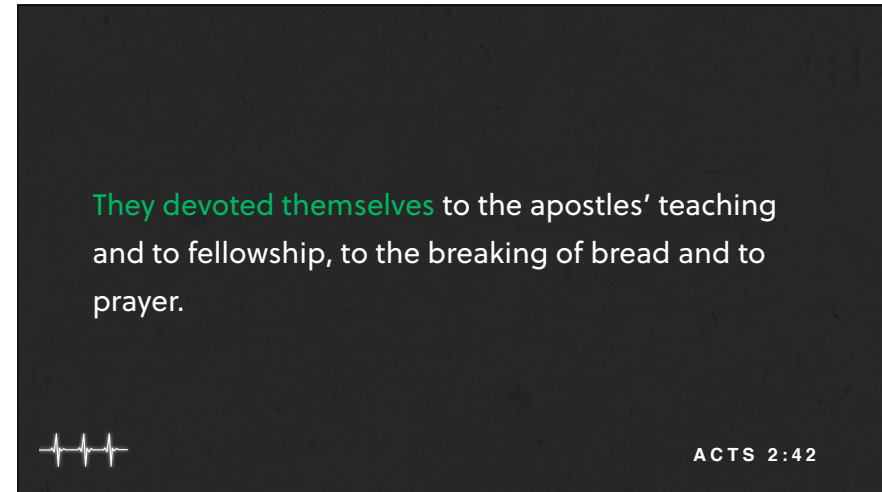
Love is the foundation of substantial community.



"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**"



JOHN 13:34-35



Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way **so that you can be generous on every occasion**, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-11

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.



ACTS 2:45

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.



2 CORINTHIANS 8:12



Gathering Regularly

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God ...



HEBREWS 10:19-22

... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.



HEBREWS 10:19-22

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HEBREWS 10:23-25

Community leads to abundant life and allows others to see our love, one to another.





A place to grow spiritually

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HEBREWS 10:23-25

You can not grow spiritually without community.



As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.



PROVERBS 27:17



**A place to experience the power
we were created for**

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Awe and signs and wonders

Glad and sincere hearts

Life transformation for others



Community creates the perfect atmosphere for
people to find Jesus.



Community Killers

Comparison
Stinginess
Faultfinding



Others are waiting to find Jesus through
authentic community. Not because the community is
perfect, but because they are accepted, loved, and
encouraged through a community who expresses His love.



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