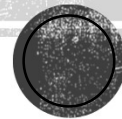


THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

Unity No Matter the Cost | Acts 4:32-5:11



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UNITY NO MATTER THE COST

The Main Point: The Spirit of God unites in self-sacrificial love but demands the truth in holiness.

- “everything in common” | Meeting material needs in self-sacrificial love (vss. 32-35)
 - Need-based financial distribution, not equality-aimed financial redistribution
- Exhibit 1: Barnabas Sells Property to Meet Needs (vs. 36-37)
- Exhibit 2: Ananias and Sapphira Sell Property to Meet Needs (5:1-11)

Acts in Action

- Self-sacrificial giving as a thermometer for generosity
- The deadly consequences of maintaining misleading appearances



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