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Series | THE CHURCH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD
Text | Acts 4:32-37
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Sermon Notes

Acts 4:32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. **33** And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. **34** There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold **35** and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. **36** Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, **37** sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. *ESV*

Big Idea:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

Acts 4:32

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

To what extent have you felt conflicted by the idea that the more you give to others the less you have for yourself? How do you deal with the conflict? What are some common guidelines you've heard for giving in the church? Which can you defend biblically?

Tuesday:

Read Acts 4:32-37. How does generosity in the early church square with the common notion of giving 10%? Is giving 10% a good idea? Why or why not?

Wednesday:

Reread Acts 4:32-37. How do you feel about the prospect of following the example of the early church in the sharing of possessions?

Thursday:

Read Luke 12:11-34. How does this passage relate to what is going on in Acts 4:32-37?

Friday:

According to Jesus, there are two types of treasure (see Luke 12:16-21, 32-33). What are they? Where is your treasure? Why is it important to locate your treasure (see Luke 12:34)?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to examine the condition of my own heart. Is my heart turned more toward treasure on earth or treasure in heaven? Help me to turn toward heaven. And when it comes to what I have on earth, help me to bring it all to bring life.