

## Acts 4:32-37 **Church Communal Living in Jerusalem**

32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

### Power accompanying the witness of the Apostles

33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

### All things Common

34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

### Example of Barnabas

36 And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, 37 having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Unity of the Believers from the depths of their heart and soul Extended from Doctrine to care for each-other expressed by physical means. [Acts 2:42-43, 44-47, 4:32-37]
- ✚ Great power accompanied the Apostles' witness of the resurrection of Jesus. [Acts 2:43, 4:31, Mark 16:20]
- ✚ Great Grace was upon them all Sharing all things in common. [Acts 4:33, 35]
- ✚ Barnabas set the example by selling property he had on Cyprus and he laid the money at the Apostles feet. [Acts 4:36-37]
  - ✧ The name Barnabas (son of encouragement) was given to Joses by the Apostles. [Acts 4:36]
  - ✧ Barnabas (Joses) was a Levite of the country of Cyprus. [Acts 4:36]
- ✚ Communal living was great at first, but not what God had in mind for the Church, so persecution began to attack the believers to scatter them around the world. [Acts 8:1]
  - ✧ Jesus had said, "**Go into all the world** and **preach the Gospel, baptizing** them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, **teach them to obey all I have commanded you**, and lo, I am with you always until the end. [Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-16]
  - ✧ Jesus wanted them to go around the world with the Gospel, not cluster in Jerusalem.