

RADICAL GRACE & GENEROSITY

Acts 4:32-37

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1. A _____ WAS FORMING BASED ON JESUS.

"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had." Acts 4:32

2. THERE WAS A _____ FOR
ONE ANOTHER.

"There were no needy persons among them....." Acts 4:34a

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Galatians 6:9-10

3. THIS RESULTED IN _____ .

"...from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need."

Acts 4:34b-35

All Scripture New International Version 1984 unless noted.

Exponential, Part 13

HOW CAN WE BECOME THIS KIND OF COMMUNITY?

1. WE HAVE TO GET A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING _____ .

"With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all." **Acts 4:33**

"..... What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?"

1 Corinthians 4:7 (New Living Translation)

Ephesians 2:1-10

2. WE HAVE TO SEE _____ AS A RADICAL NEW COMMUNITY.

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." **Romans 12:4-5**

"..... God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it,²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." **1 Corinthians 12:24a-27**

While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him.⁴⁸ But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"⁴⁹ And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Matthew 12:46-50 (English Standard Version)