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Unity and Diversity of the Church (Led by Emotional People)

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. **Acts 2:42-47 NLT**

³² All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. ³³ The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. ³⁴ There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them ³⁵ and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need. **Acts 4:32-35 NLT**

This unity was a visible demonstration of their faith and love, impacting both their internal community and their witness to outsiders.

If the Bible teaches of the Unity and Diversity of the Church, why do we struggle with it?

- Sinful Tendencies

- Inadequate Understanding of Unity
- We are Emotional People (both a win and follow up)
- We are fearfully and wonderfully made!
- God designed our emotions to put us in motion.
- Keep your emotions grounded in Christ.

The struggle for unity and diversity within the church is rooted in human nature, sin, and varying interpretations of God's word. Overcoming these challenges requires humility, love, open communication, and a commitment to seeking unity in Christ while embracing the beauty of diversity!

When our differences are united for God's purpose ...

- Division is overcome and the Church is stronger.
- The true nature of God is reflected.
- The Great Commission is fulfilled more effectively.
- Blessings and growth can be experienced.

NEXT Steps:

- **Ask God to help you be unified with His diverse children!**
- **Let God guide us as our emotions are moving us!**