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- 23 When they had been released, they went to their *own* and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.
- 24 And when they heard *this*, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,
- 25 who by the Holy Spirit, *through* the mouth of our father David Your servant, said,

WHY DID THE GENTILES RAGE,

- AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS?
- 26 'THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND, AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS CHRIST.'
- 27 For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,
- 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.
- 29 And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence,
- 30 while You, *stretching out* Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders, *come to be* through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."
- 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and *continued* to speak the word of God with boldness.
- 32 And the congregation of those who *had* believed were *one of* heart and soul; and not one *of them* claimed that anything belonging to him *was* his own,

but all things were common (something to be shared) to them.

- 33 And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.
- 34 For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales
- 35 and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need.
- 36 Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means Son of Encouragement),
- 37 and who owned a tract of land sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Observations:

They prayed...

- with one passion
- believing that He was omnipotent (had greater power than the powers that be in the world)
- believing that God was omniscient (He knew all things)
- acknowledging that the Holy Spirit was guiding them into truth; the word was alive

This prayer preceded the moving of God: And...

- ONE heart and soul
- No claim
- All things in common
- Great power to witness
- Great grace
 - o For...
 - They were burdened for their people
 - They were now aware of those beyond their immediate family
 - Other's needs became more important than excessive gain

Upcoming Events

- → Mondays through April 1st ~ "Foundations Part 2" (Adult Education Class) @ 6-7:30 pm on Mondays for 4 weeks (began 3/11) in Classroom #1. There is a \$15 workbook charge for this class. This is the last day to register for this class. Please fill out a registration card & place it in the drop-off slot (found in the Foyer information area), or speak with an usher.
- → <u>Today</u> ~ <u>Rap Session</u> ~ (Q & A time with Pastor Powell) @ <u>12:15 pm</u> held once a month in the Fellowship Hall. You may submit a question in advance of the rap by card (found in the Foyer information area) <u>or</u> email (<u>answers@lgministries.org</u>).
- → <u>Today & March 24th</u> ~ <u>Intro. to LGC class</u> @ <u>12:15-1:15 pm</u> in the upstairs classroom. This class will explain our core values, mission, & ministry. If you have <u>never</u> attended this class, please fill out a registration card & place it in the drop-off slot (found in the Foyer information area), or speak with an usher.
- → <u>March 22nd</u> ~ <u>Fundraiser Event</u> from <u>3-9 pm</u> @ <u>Chuck E. Cheese's in</u> <u>Tacoma</u> (4911 Tacoma Mall Blvd.) <u>for CAP</u> (*Christian Athletic Program*). A portion of what you spend will benefit CAP. If you have any questions, please call Michael Wheelock @ (253) 353-9311.
- → <u>March 30th</u> ~ <u>CAP Easter Egg Hunt</u> @ <u>11 am-1 pm</u> @ Stewart Heights Park in Tacoma (near 56th St. & Pacific Ave.). CAP is in need of candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt ~ if interested in donating candy, please place it in the candy donation barrel in the Foyer by the Welcome Desk <u>now through</u> <u>3/24</u>. Please call Michael Wheelock for more information @ (253) 353-9311.
- → <u>April 6th</u> ~ <u>Team Rally</u> @ <u>6-7:30 pm</u> in the Chapel ~ everyone is welcome to attend ~ more details to come!
- → <u>April 13th</u> ~ <u>Corporate Prayer</u> @ <u>1:30-2:30 pm</u> in the Chapel to pray specifically for families.

<u>Reminders</u>

*Expressions of Praise (Word, Worship, & Gifts of Praise) ~ <u>Saturday nights @ 6-</u> 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come on out for a great time of fellowship.

*<u>Please remember</u> to bring in your canned & non-perishable food items for the Food Bank & place them in the large box in the Foyer near the Welcome Desk. <u>Peanut</u> <u>butter, canned tuna, & canned chicken are especially needed.</u>

Let's Look at The Book of Acts

They Prayed...He Moved...And...

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Sunday

March 17, 2013