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**LESSONS FROM THE CHURCH IN**

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**300 AD: 2.5-3.5 million Christians.**

# THE ACTS CHURCH:



**DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO  
SPIRITUAL FUNDAMENTALS**



# Acts 2:42

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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.



**DEVOTED**

**THE WORD. FELLOWSHIP. COMMUNION. PRAYER.**





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**But Martha was distracted with**

much serving. (v.40) ESV



# FOCUSING ON THE FUNDAMENTALS

Has serving here helped you grow spiritually?

What are some things we can do together to help us grow on this team?

Let's pray and ask God how He would like to do in this ministry. Share what those things are.



# **THE ACTS CHURCH:**

**FOCUSED ON THE  
ESSENTIALS IN THE MIDST  
OF THE URGENT**



# Acts 6:1

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In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.



**THIS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM**



**WHAT WOULD WE DO  
IN THIS SITUATION?**



# Acts 6:2-4

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So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”



**THE APOSTLES WOULD NOT  
NEGLECT WHAT WAS OF  
ULTIMATELY IMPORTANCE FOR  
THE SAKE OF THE URGENT.**





# Acts 6:7

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So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.



# **THE ACTS CHURCH:**

**EMBRACED A KINGDOM  
MINDSET, NOT A  
COMPETITIVE ONE**



# Acts 11:27-30

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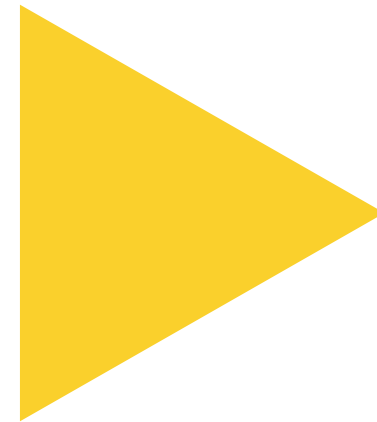
During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.



**The Antioch Church was a new church plant. They did not prioritize their needs over the needs of another church.**



**COMPETITIVE &  
TERRITORIAL**

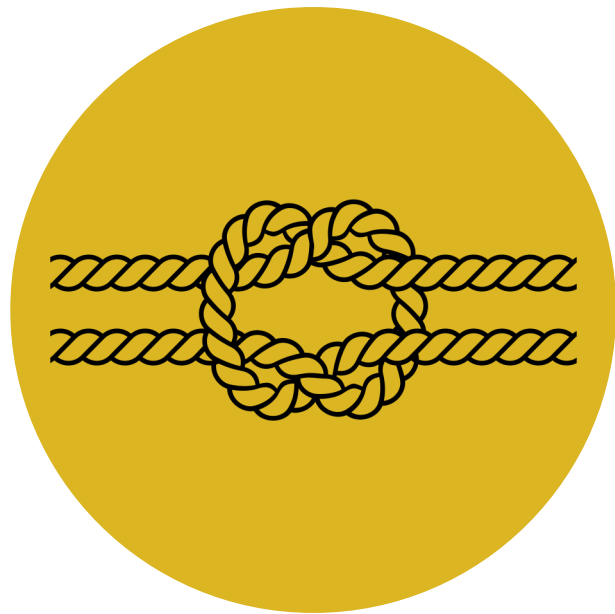


**CO-OPERATIVE &  
GENEROUS**



# THE ACTS CHURCH:

**WAITED ON GOD FOR HIS  
DIVINE DIRECTIONS**



# Acts 1:4-5

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On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”



# Acts 13:2-3

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While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.





# WAIT

To hope. Intertwine, twisting and binding. Like a 3 legged race.



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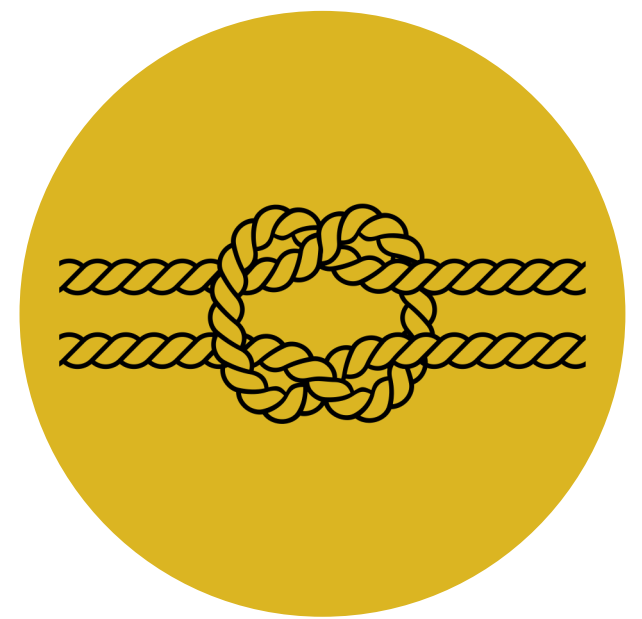


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- Ask God for direction.
- Prayer and worship.



# Lessons from the Church in Acts



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**SPIRITUAL  
FUNDAMENTALS**



**DIDN'T NEGLECT  
ESSENTIALS**



**KINGDOM MINDSET**



**WAITED ON GOD**

