

Bible Study
I WILL - Lesson 7
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GROWING TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP

Acts 4: 31-33

The word fellowship simply means sharing together. If a person is in isolation or not part of a group then they cannot participate in fellowship because they are not sharing. We can share information, aspirations, and inspiration with one another in fellowship. A fellowship group has a common bond, goal or purpose they share. Fellowship can be found in clubs, community groups and churches. Today we will discuss the significance of fellowship in the church.

The church is designed to be a Christian Fellowship to evangelize peoples for Christ and to disciple them into the image of Christ. The church should consist of volunteers, who will come together to serve, assist and equip people to be better ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Our common bond is found in our beliefs, teachings and integrity. We should represent the holiness of God, the unity of peoples and the maturity of believers.

Let me share with you three things that will help us to grow together in fellowship:

- I. We Grow as We Assemble Ourselves Together. (vs. 31)
 - A. They worshipped together
 - B. They witness together
- II. We Grow as We Affirm One Another. (vs. 32)
 - A. We support one another
 - B. We serve one another
- III. We Grow as We are Assured of God's Presence. (vs. 33)
 - A. His presence revealed in His grace
 - B. His presence revealed in His glory