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"Serving One Another"

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## **SPEND DAILY TIME WITH GOD AS YOU READ, THINK, PRAY + ACT.**

### **2025 Focus: 50 Key Truths**

Each Friday, explore a key truth about our Christian faith and how we can live in light of this truth.

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## **Day 1** [Acts 4:33-34](#) | Grace Mindset

"With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all." Acts 4:33

The early church shares their possessions despite the cultural moment. They are economically depressed, heavily taxed by Rome and have experienced a series of famines. Yet, "there were no needy persons among them" ([Acts 4:34](#)). They help each other because they know God has restored them to himself by grace. This new community understands that sin separated them from God. But God's grace, his undeserved generosity, restored them to friendship with him. Believers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, bear witness to this good news of Jesus Christ. Because of this mindset shift, they serve one another.

God has extended that same grace to us. Before we did anything to deserve God's unmerited favor, he gave us his Son, Jesus. The apostle Paul reminds us, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" ([Romans 5:8](#)). Jesus came down, lived a perfect life, died in our place and God raised him from the dead. He now offers forgiveness and invites us to believe and follow him. The natural result of God's grace is to extend grace to others. Grace in. Grace out. This week, we will explore how God's grace motivates us to serve one another.

**TODAY:** Pause and consider the impact of the good news of Jesus. If you have never accepted Jesus's gift of forgiveness, today can be the day! Pray and tell God that you are a sinner and need him as your Lord and Savior. If you have accepted his gift of forgiveness, thank God for his grace. Ask him for help never to get over what he has done for you.

## **Day 2** [1 Peter 4:8-11](#) | Manager Mindset

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

The early church gladly shares their time, resources and talents because they are thankful to God. They understand their possessions are not their own but come from God ([Acts 4:32](#)). Peter reinforces the apostles' core teaching that everything they have belongs to God and is a gift from him. The first believers live with a stewardship mindset, managing what ultimately belongs to God. The result is "there were no needy persons among them" ([Acts 4:34](#)). They recognize every gift they have is to be used for God's purposes and to serve others.

We, too, are managers of God's gifts to us. To grow in generosity and service to others, a manager's mindset is crucial. God is the owner of all that we have. Our role is to manage his resources in a way that honors him. Our cars. Our bank accounts. Our time. Our children. Our relationships. God is the owner of it all. We are the

managers. We honor God when we place ownership of all things in him. When we use his gifts as he directs, to serve others, people will see Jesus in us and come to know him too.

**TODAY:** Identify things in your life you need God's help to remember you are the manager of. Write them down in a journal or on your mobile device and pray, "God you are the owner of \_\_\_\_\_. I am the manager."

## Day 3 [Acts 4:32](#) | Mission Mindset

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

The book of Acts presents the history of a dynamic, growing community of believers. It begins as a small group of believing Jews in Jerusalem. This community expands to include dozens of cities and provinces across Asia, Africa and Europe. They speak different languages. They have different economic and social standings. They come from varied cultural backgrounds and experiences. This unexpectedly diverse community thrives because they are "one in heart and mind" in the risen Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, they share the good news of Jesus, loving and serving one another.

The same should be true for our church today. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Ada Bible Church is a place where vastly different people come together. From personality types and life experiences to economic backgrounds and family structure, one thing unites us—Jesus and his mission. This shared mission to be disciples of Jesus and to make disciples is why we serve one another. When we are "all in" on Jesus's mission and serve together, the Holy Spirit brings us together in a distinct way. Our shared purpose creates a unique bond, unlike any other. Living his mission brings God the honor and praise he deserves and draws other people to Jesus.

**TODAY:** Come and join the mission! Let's serve together out of gratitude for Jesus. God created you for a purpose, and there is a place where you fit! Find your place to serve at Ada Bible Church. Click [HERE](#) to begin a conversation.

## Day 4 [Acts 4:33-35](#) | Blessing Mindset

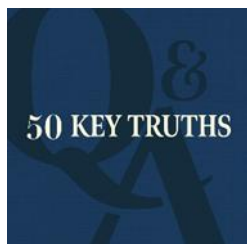
"There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need." Acts 4:34-35

The early Church gives whatever they have to support one another and spread the mission of Jesus. Despite heavy taxes, famine and economic struggle, they provide for everyone's practical needs. Wealthy landowners are willing to sell some of their property to donate to the church. Church leaders then distribute resources to people within their body who are in need. Recognizing that all gifts come from God, they become vessels of God's blessings to others. These believers have a mindset of blessing.

We each have something to give. Whether big or small gifts, God desires to use us and what we have to help and bless others. Perhaps we have time in our schedule to lead and mentor small groups of middle school students. Maybe we have the financial resources to help someone overcome a season of hardship. Or maybe we have the gift of hospitality and love to make people feel seen and welcome. One of the beautiful things about

being the church is that each of us can experience the joy of being God's instrument to bless and encourage others. This happens each time we step in and serve.

**TODAY:** Listen to the Ada Bible Worship team sing "[Canvas and Clay](#)." As you listen to the words, ask God to shape your life into a vessel that blesses others.



## Day 5 [Ephesians 1:13-14](#) | Question 32: The Holy Spirit's Work

**Question:** What does the Holy Spirit do when someone becomes a believer?

**Answer:** The Holy Spirit regenerates, indwells, adopts and seals believers when they come to faith in Christ.

**When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.** Ephesians 1:13b-14

Paul writes to believers in Ephesus about their new identity in Christ. He explains that multiple transformations occurred simultaneously through the Spirit when they believed. They were "marked" with a seal—permanently identified as God's possession. The Spirit became a deposit guaranteeing their inheritance, like a down payment ensuring the full transaction would be completed. This sealing work is permanent, marking them as God's children who can never be lost or stolen. Paul wants the Ephesians to understand that their salvation involved the Spirit's immediate and comprehensive work, including the complete transformation of their spiritual status and nature.

The Spirit performs these same miraculous works when we come to faith in Christ today. The Spirit regenerates us, giving new spiritual life where there was only death. The Spirit indwells us, taking up permanent residence so we are never alone ([John 14:16-18](#)). He adopts us into God's family, moving us from spiritual orphans to beloved children who can call God "Abba, Father" ([Romans 8:15](#)). He seals us, guaranteeing our salvation cannot be lost ([Ephesians 4:30](#)). These are immediate realities the moment we trust Jesus. Understanding these works of the Spirit gives us incredible confidence in our relationship with God. We don't have to wonder about our status. The Spirit has made us new creations with permanent standing as God's children.

**TODAY:** Thank God for the Spirit's complete work in your life when you became a believer. Rest in the security that you are regenerated, indwelt, adopted and sealed. Let this assurance give you confidence to live boldly for Christ today. Learn more about the Spirit's work in believers' lives in our We Believe document [HERE](#).