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April 5 - May 1, 2021

#### **4/5**

:"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42

Father God, your early church was devoted, hard-working disciples who prioritized time with you, time with one another, and time in prayer and study over the things of this world. Help us to prioritize you and our brothers and sisters over the pursuits of this world. We love you, Lord. Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 2:42)

#### **4/6**

"And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles." Acts 2:43

As we devote ourselves to you, our hearts and minds are transformed and we experience the awe of you. We begin to approach you and your Word with wonder and excitement. Fill our hearts, Oh Lord! Draw us to you in wonder! In your name, Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 2:43)

#### **4/7**

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common." Acts 2:44

Father, in our modern day we read this and think of some communal existence where everyone agrees about everything, shares everything, and all wears the same shoes. It seems so fanciful that we dismiss that it could even occur in our world, in our communities. There was much disagreement in this early church, and yet unity was strong but it took work. May we be a body that strives for unity like this early church had. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 2:44)

#### **4/8**

"And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need." Acts 2:45

Lord, in light of you the things of this world pale in importance. We realize that we have all we need, all we want in you. We are blessed to be a blessing to others. May we live as open-handed as you do with us. Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 2:45)

#### **4/9**

"And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts," Acts 2:46

Lord Jesus, may we receive the blessings you give to us in this world with glad and generous hearts. May we be appreciative of you, recognizing that we did not earn these things, but you, in your loving-kindness, have blessed us with all we have. May we give as you give, freely and expecting nothing in return. Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 2:46)

#### **4/10**

"...praising God and having favor with all the people." Acts 2:47a

Lord Jesus, as your people, living selflessly, lovingly as you lived, we should be seen as a blessing to every community we inhabit. We will face persecution like you did, but not because of our judgmental attitudes, our condemnation, but because of our selflessness and our love. May we find favor with all people, and yet be ready to experience persecution for the right reasons as we seek to emulate you and your love in this world. Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 2:47a)

#### **4/11**

"And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 2:47b

Father, we pray for organic evangelism in your Church. We pray not for gimmicky, programmatic marketing that draws people into your buildings, but that you are seen in your people and draw people unto yourself. You are what makes the Church attractive. May we live, may we worship, may we serve in ways that make you known to the world. Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 2:47b)

#### **4/12**

"Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught." Luke 1:1-4

Lord, as we read your Word, may we read it as it is, eyewitness accounts of what actually occurred in human history, masterfully crafted into a beautiful narrative that illuminates who you are, who we are in light of you, and how you desire us to live as your disciples in this world. In your name, Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Luke 1:1-4)

#### **4/13**

"And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them." Acts 16:6-10

Lord, Luke was caught up in your story, in your work, as he followed around your people. May we be people who live lives that share your light and love with all we encounter. Amen.  
(A reflective prayer on Acts 16:6-10)

#### **4/14**

"So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul." Acts 16:11-14

Lord, remind us that it is you that opens hearts to hear your words. Our duty is merely to speak as you call us, to live as you call us and to let your Spirit use it as He may. Amen.  
(A reflective prayer on Acts 16:11-14)

#### **4/15**

"These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days." Acts 20:5-6

Lord, Luke was caught up in the movement of your church in the story he was researching for Theopholis. He could no longer stand on the sidelines, notepad in hand observing. His heart was gripped by your Son and He jumped in with both feet following wherever you might lead. May we not be comfortable on the sidelines but be so enraptured with you that we step onto the field and join in the adventure of being your church. Amen.  
(A reflective prayer on Acts 20:5-6)

#### **4/16**

"On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead." Acts 20:7-9

Lord Jesus, this was one of many miracles that Dr. Luke got to witness as you saved this young man from death. May we have our eyes open to see the miracles you are still performing in our world.

Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 20:7-9)

#### **4/17**

"And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship." Acts 20:36-38

Lord, there are times in our lives when those we love are called away, to another mission, to another church, to another area, even to life in heaven with you. May we not avoid or minimize our feelings during these times. Teach us to both mourn and submit to you and your will. In your name we pray, Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 20:36-38)

#### **4/18**

"When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left we sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload its cargo. And having sought out the disciples, we stayed there for seven days. And through the Spirit they were telling Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. When our days there were ended, we departed and went on our journey, and they all, with wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed and said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home." Acts 21:3-6

Lord, in Jerusalem, you knew what awaited Paul there. Paul knew what awaited him there and yet he was faithful to your call over his own safety. May we live obedient even when faced with persecution. Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 21:3-6)

#### **4/19**

"And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done." Acts 21:11-14

Jesus, Paul knew what was coming for him. He knew that his life would end in bondage, being passed from place to place, trial after trial and ultimately leading to his death at the hands of the Romans. And yet, Paul's resolve to follow you to death is a model that we must embrace if we truly desire to live as your disciples. Embolden us like our brother Paul. Amen.  
(A reflective prayer on Acts 21:11-14)

#### **4/20**

"And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort named Julius." Acts 27:1

Lord, in chains Paul was led around the ancient world, ship to ship. We often celebrate his faithfulness but do we recognize the men, like Dr. Luke, who went with him? These men, and likely women, faithfully supported your apostle Paul in his ministry. May we also support our men and women leading in your ministry through your church similarly. In your name, amen.  
(A reflective prayer on Acts 27:1)

#### **4/21**

"And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat." Acts 27:15-16

Lord, as Dr. Luke and others were faithful to where you'd called them, they didn't experience worldly comfort, ease, or rest apart from you. Their lives were wrought with difficulty and hardship and yet they found peace, joy and rest in you. May we not expect ease as we follow you, but seek you above all else. Amen.  
(A reflective prayer on Acts 27:15-16)

#### **4/22**

"When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned." Acts 27:20

Father, the story of Paul and Luke and others at sea, lost, unable to save themselves, amongst Roman centurions and soldiers, brings such inspiration. The fact that these brothers, devoid of hope for rescue from the tempests, they ministered to and preached the Gospel to all those on board. In times of trial, the Gospel brings hope. Remind us of this truth. Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 27:20)

#### **4/23**

"Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go. " Acts 27:31-32

Lord, what faithfulness these soldiers showed! May we cut away the ropes attached to the things that we think keep us safe and throw ourselves completely into your arms, trusting you alone for rescue! In your precious name, Amen!

(A reflective prayer on Acts 27:31-32)

#### **4/24**

"After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand." Acts 28:1-3

Father God, Paul experiences so many persecutions that a viper latching onto his hand doesn't phase him. He doesn't fear for his life. He doesn't fear that your plan will be thwarted by this injury. Faithful, he maintains his focus on you. May we build this kind of resolve, this kind of faith. Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 28:1-3)

#### **4/25**

"There we found brothers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome." Acts 28:14

Lord, Rome was the end of Paul's journey. It was where he had felt called for months before and now they had arrived. He had no guarantee that he would be set free, and that wasn't his goal. Paul's desire was to preach the Gospel in Rome. His heart was your heart. His desires were your desires. Transform our hearts to long after the desires of your heart, in your name, Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 28:14)



#### **4/26**

"When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved." Acts 28:23-24

Lord, may we spend our days speaking, sometimes with words, other times with actions, but always with love about you and all that we've seen and heard in you. In your name, Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 28:23-24)

#### **4/28**

"Go to this people, and say,

"You will indeed hear but never understand,

and you will indeed see but never perceive." Acts 28:28

Father, as hard as it is to hear, there are people who refuse your truth, your love with their dying breath. Guide us to love, even those who might be so hard-hearted that they refuse to hear or see. Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 28:28)

#### **4/29**

"Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas." Colossians 4:14

Lord, you use all types of people in all types of ways. Paul, likely a medical physician, is used as a historian and missionary. Often we relegate our calling to the gifts you have given us, but you are a God who works in spite of our giftedness. Where you call, you will guide us and equip us. Remind us of this truth and help us to be faithful. Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Colossians 4:14)

#### **4/30**

"Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit." Philemon 1:23-25

Father, may we love one another with the love seen in these early church communities. They loved sacrificially, generously, passionately, and with the deepest affection for one another. May we care so deeply for one another that our burdens become their burdens, and their burdens our burdens. May we spur one another on to do that which you've called us to, O Lord. Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Philemon 1:23-25)



## 5/1

"He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance." Acts 28:30-31

Lord, the book of Acts closes with these lines. From all we know about Paul, he spent his last few years on earth unhindered in his preaching in Rome until he was killed. He preached Jesus Christ with all boldness, seeking that, even as he neared the end of his life, others might find life in Christ Jesus. We pray that we might live that focused on you. Amen.

(A reflective prayer on Acts 28:30-31)