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"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
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OUR AIM: Be it our aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

BE YE STEADFAST

For we are made partakers of Christ,
if we hold the beginning of
our confidence steadfast unto the end.
Heb. 3:14

For though I be absent in the flesh,
yet am I with you in the spirit,
joying and beholding your order,
and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.
Col. 2:5

Therefore, my beloved brethren,
be ye steadfast, unmoveable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
forasmuch as ye know that your labor
be not in vain in the Lord
I Cor. 15:58

CENTENNIAL AND JUBILEE

This year marks two significant anniversaries for the Dunkard Brethren Church; the 100th of its existence and the 70th for the Torreon Navajo Mission. As we consider these anniversaries, let's turn back the clock and take a brief look at their beginnings...

Formation of the Dunkard Brethren Church in 1926

With the world-ward drift of the Church of the Brethren by the early 1900's, some conservative members were sounding the alarm on the dangers of acculturation. They raised a number of concerns they saw the church struggling with including the paid ministry, women in ministry, the use of musical instruments in worship, positions on divorce, involvement in politics and secret societies and deviations from nonconformity in dress.

As a gathering point for communicating concerns and growing unity, the *Bible Monitor* was launched in October 1922. The purpose of doing this was to call the church back to her formerly held beliefs and away from her slide towards the worldly culture. Those that agreed with these conservative ideas were called the Bible Monitor Family.

During the next few years, the Bible Monitor Family held their own annual meetings as well as continued to attend the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference. During this time, the Bible Monitor

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Family continued to plead with the church to withdraw from their worldly path and return to the high calling of God. However, during these Annual Conferences, the Bible Monitor Family and their ideas were being met with resistance from within the church leadership. At the 1925 Annual Conference, B. E. Kesler was charged for publishing the *Bible Monitor* against the decision of Annual Conference and was also charged with unbrotherly criticism of the church. One year later, during the 1926 Annual Conference, it finally became clear to the Bible Monitor Family that they were alone in their battle for conservatism and must set a new course.

After leaving the Church of the Brethren 1926 Annual Conference, the Bible Monitor Family headed to Plevna, Indiana for their fourth annual meeting.



The 1926 gathering at Plevna

As noted in *They Counted the Cost* (Bailey, 2009), “The gathering at Plevna was not a victory celebration but an humble, quiet bowing to the will of God. Conscience would not allow them to stay in a church body that had accepted acculturation as a norm, whose posi-

tion would be an accelerated movement toward liberal modernism.”

In his opening remarks at Plevna, B. E. Kesler presented this challenge, “Will we be men of the hour? God will raise up men who will lead this people out.”

Regarding the founding of this fledgling church, as recorded in the Minutes of that meeting, “Therefore, we, as part of the loyal and faithful of the present Church of the Brethren, see no other remedy for relief than to obey the gospel, and declare ourselves independent and to reorganize, and to reestablish the true faith of the gospel among us.” And so, the Dunkard Brethren Church was born.

Formation of the Torreon Navajo Mission in 1956

In an early article by the *Bible Monitor's* first editor, B. E. Kesler in 1923, Kesler concluded that regarding the call to evangelism, the church should best be evangelizing the homeland. Kesler's sentiment did not take hold throughout the church immediately. But by the early 1950s, the winds of missionary awareness were beginning to blow across the brotherhood, calling the church to action.

The Relief Board had been hearing of the poverty within the Navajo Nation, the largest of the Native American tribes in America. Would this be a good location to begin a mission to share the love and compassion of Christ? To try and answer that question, three members of the Relief Board visited northwest New Mexico in February 1956.

While in the area, they met Ray Martindale. Ray was a salesman from Albuquerque and had become burdened for the Navajo people and had started a mission. The story of how Ray chose the location for the mission is an interesting one. One night God gave Ray a vision of the Torreon community. He saw the mountains, dirt roads, the hogans and the brass cap of a surveyor's marker. He immediately drove to Torreon, reaching the community around 4 a.m. In the darkness, he stepped out of the car and walked up and down the hilly ground and miraculously located the small surveyor's cap he

saw in the vision. With a paper and pencil he had brought with him, he was able make a rubbing of the number on the cap. He soon left and headed to the Bureau of Land Management in Santa Fe and by 9 a.m., had purchased 5 acres of land at that location for \$35.



*The small brass cap on a short post that Martindale found is still present today
Photo courtesy of AJ Trujillo*

When Ray met the members of the Relief Board in 1956, he had already been looking for a church body to run it. The meeting between the Relief Board and Martindale went well. The mission was soon acquired by the brotherhood and the work began. The first year was a flurry of activity with much time, work, prayers and tears poured into the project by many. The following is an excerpt from the first Torreon Navajo Mission Bulletin, written by Paul R. Myers regarding the first year of the mission.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

As the first issue of THE TORREON NAVAJO BULLETIN goes to press and then is distributed over the brotherhood, as I sit at my typewriter, I bow my head in prayer to our Heavenly Father in thanksgiving for the accomplishments at Torreon in less than a year's time... On behalf of the Great Commission, "GO", we welcome the opportunity God has given our beloved Brotherhood to serve a people within the borders of our own country. They are so in need of the Spiritual Way of Life. We rejoice to see the interest the Navajo has taken in the Mission and the Word of God.

When 95 Navajos attended the dedication of the church on a cold wintry day, they proved to the writer that they are interested in something better than they have had heretofore.

May each member, each congregation and each district of the Dunkard Brethren Church help meet that challenge by offering their prayers, time, talents, money and council, that the Mission on the Desert Sands of New Mexico may prove to be to the Navajo, not a Desert, but a WELL OF LIVING AND SPIRITUAL WATER.



Paul R. Myers

As we look back to the beginnings of the Dunkard Brethren Church 100 years ago and to the beginnings of the Torreon Navajo Mission 70 years ago, the names and faces have changed but the calling has not.

As expressed in the Minutes of the 1926 gathering at Plevna, the fledgling brotherhood saw the importance and need to focus their lives on faith in, and obedience to, the gospel. As Paul L. Meyers referenced in the first bulletin for the Torreon Navajo Mission, the call was to draw people to the well of living water. These callings remain true for our brotherhood today. As we look back, may we each praise the Lord for the blessings He has poured upon our brotherhood. And as we look forward, may we continue to strive

together to focus our lives in faith and obedience to Jesus Christ, the Living Water.

References: Bible Monitor (Sept. 2022). They Counted the Cost (Bailey, 2009), Torreon Navajo Bulletin (Dec. 2025).

K. Brock

THE WAR IS OVER!

While serving 3-1/2 years in World War II, my father had to endure many hard times. Simply being away from his girlfriend for all that time without any contact and not knowing if he would ever see her again was hard enough. On a ship in the Pacific, there were Japanese planes flying overhead on many nights, perhaps looking to make a surprise attack. They had to be alert and on the lookout for enemy submarines that might try to sink their ship. They also had to endure devastating typhoons, rough seas, diseases, severe burns, brutal close quarter combat, stifling heat and humidity and dehydration. The war officially came to an end on September 2, 1945. My father was near Japan when this news broke and the thought that ran through his mind was THE WAR IS OVER AND I'M HEADING HOME -- WHAT A FEELING!

Three months later, after his ship arrived at Long Beach, California, he called his girlfriend (who would later be my mother), not having any idea if she was still waiting for him. To his excitement, she answered the phone and said she was still waiting for him. What a relief! After getting on a train at San Diego, he arrived at a naval base in Annapolis, Maryland on a cold snowy day in January. There he walked to a main road and hitchhiked. The first person that came along picked him up and took him to Lancaster, PA. From there, he hitchhiked again to the square in Ephrata, where he lived. From there he walked home.

I can only imagine the reception his parents must have given him upon arriving home! As my mother was still waiting for him, they quickly reunited and were married within the next

two months. Life was still hard even though the war was over. After they married, my father and mother lived with his parents. The house was so crowded with family members that they had to sleep on the dining room floor while his parents slept on the living room floor. Eventually, they were able to rent an attic out on the 3rd floor of a house. My father said all they had there was a bed and a light bulb. They couldn't do any washing or cooking there, so they went to my mother's parents' house for meals and washing.

Many years later, in 1963, my parents accepted Christ at a revival meeting at the Lititz Dunkard Brethren church where Ernest Miller was preaching. At that point, another war began that was the battle of living for Christ among family members who were very much against it. This created hard feelings and shattered relationships. However, in this war my father was determined to fight through by fearing God and not man. He didn't care if his friends thought he was doing something crazy. He decided he was going to live the Christian life no matter what people thought of him. Possibly living a life without

God for so many years gave him an even greater zeal and more dedication to live the Christian life. His steadfastness was respected by his friends. At age 58, he went through a major operation for cancer. He rebounded from that and lived to 103 and continued to mow his lawn until age 100!

Finally, on October 19, 2024, that same thought ran through my father's mind as he entered into eternity at 103 - THE WAR IS OVER AND I'M HEADING HOME -- WHAT A FEELING! The end of this war brought on a much happier time than the war that ended on September 2, 1945, as he entered into the arms of his heavenly Father. Even though my father was overjoyed with my mother still waiting for him after the war ended in 1945, there is no way it could compare to his joy from the war that ended for him on October 19, 2024, with his Heavenly Father waiting for him. Someday the war will be over for each one of us, and hopefully we will be able to say I'M HEADING HOME -- WHAT A FEELING!

Raymond Weidman
Ephrata, PA

I WILL GET OVER IT

Greetings to all readers in the Blessed Name of Jesus, our Redeemer and soon coming King. Many of you know that my wife Ruth passed away on September 5, 2025. Most of you read the obituary in the Bible Monitor and many of you knew her personally. Nowadays people ask me, "How are you doing?", and I do not always answer in my usual, bubbly retort. Then I hear, "Do not worry, you will get over it." My answer is this, "I have no plans to get over it. One never gets over a relationship that lasted 55 years. It's always there."

Every morning, I get up and know there is someone missing. I look around to find some kind of connection: a picture, a motto, or a forgotten note. It takes me

a while to pull myself together, yet I always do with God's help.

Do I want to act "normal" like I used to? Nothing is like it was before: how can I pretend that it is? I have children and other relatives, as well as Christian friends who try to help, but unless they have walked in my shoes it is difficult to encourage me. I try to stay busy with writing and witnessing, as well as delving into art and music, but I am certain I will not be getting over this grieving anytime soon.

But I am sure that the day will come when I cross over into Glory, as my wife did, and we will be reunited, but not until we fall before the King of Kings and worship Him with the unnumbered multitude in heaven.

*I'll soon be at home over there,
for the end of my journey I see;
many dear to my heart over there,
are watching and waiting for me.
I'll soon be at home over there.*

D.W.C. Huntington

Lynn H. Miller
Newmanstown, PA

IT'S GOD'S MESSAGE THAT COUNTS

One problem occurring repeatedly in the Old Testament is the fact that God's people were so accustomed to God's word that they got to the place where they could not hear God's word. Does that not sound a little silly? You would think that those who hear the word of God on a regular basis would embrace it to such an extent that that word would have dominance in their life.

Most emphatically, God's word falls on deaf ears. Over and over again in the book of Revelation we read, "*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches*" (Rev. 2:7). Just because something is being said does not mean that someone hears it.

If you have relatives and try to share the gospel with them, they might shrug you off because they have heard this many times before. Nothing is new and they are always looking for something new. We are addicted to "new." I think we have forgotten what Solomon said that there is "nothing new under the sun." Yet, we have this obsession for new.

Listening to the word of God

is somewhat of a discipline. It is not like reading Shakespeare or some book of poetry or some fascinating novel. When we come to the word of God, we are coming to the "word" of God and therefore we need to approach it in a way that honors the God who gave it to us. Many people take the Bible, pull out a verse here and a verse there and make it say something and embrace something that really is completely out of context with the word of God.

We see some people say "I can do all things through Christ," yet they have no idea what that means. To them it means that they can do whatever they want to do and God is obligated to give them the strength to do that. That is completely and totally wrong.

The prophets in the Old Testament were commissioned to give the people of God, God's message. It was hard for them at times and many of them paid a hefty price for bringing the word of God to the so-called people of God. Those who were supposed to be the people of God silenced those who spoke out for God.

Why is it that God's people do

not have an insatiable thirst for the word of God and the things of God? At times, it seems that the longer a person has been a Christian the less interested they are in the word of God. This seems to be absolutely contradictory to truth found in the word of God.

The thing that should obsess me as a Christian is to understand God's message. I know this is difficult. I know we cannot grasp it all in one little neat package. But what we need to do is spend time in the word of God allowing the Holy Spirit to illuminate our heart with God's truth. I need to get up each day and query God by saying, "What message do you have for me today?" I need to be persistent in this and dedicated to hearing from God.

It is one thing to enjoy listening to a man of God presenting the word of God. But I need to go further than that. I need to hear God Himself speaking His word into my heart. This is the joy of really being a Christian.

When was the last time God spoke to my heart? What was the last message that God brought into my heart?

Perhaps one thing that has deadened people's hearts to

the voice of God is listening to people interpret the word of God in a cultural friendly fashion. After all, we want everybody to feel good about themselves. The doctor is not going to encourage you to feel good about yourself if there is something drastically wrong in your body. His first and primary concern is to deal with that physical threat.

Our first and primary concern is to deal with the spiritual threats in our lives. We cannot take them sitting down. We need to stand up against all of this that is hurting us spiritually.

Our foremost danger is listening to someone who puts a spin on God's word that eventually and slowly leads us away from the truth in God. This is something we have to fight against. In the apostolic days, this was one of the great concerns of the apostles. They were concerned that heretics would come in and lead the people away from God using the word of God.

I need to know God's message in the context of God's character and nature.

James L. Snyder
Ocala, FL

UPDATE FROM THE NETHERLANDS - 4

What a blessing and responsibility to have a brother and sister in another continent. As we go through our busy days, do we remember to pray for Tama and Carmen? Their desire is to have a group of believers in their area that believe and practice alike. Pray for them as they “let the light” of the Gospel shine in their lives, that others would be drawn to Jesus. Also pray that Tama and Carmen don’t become discouraged. Gal. 6:9 says, *“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”*

Martine and Cindy have returned from their trip to Liberia, North Africa. Thanks for everyone’s prayers for their safe travels. They are worshipping together with Tama, Carmen, and their children. Please continue to pray for Martine and Cindy in their spiritual journey. Also pray for the group’s Sunday school and worship service, that it would be alive and inviting.

Since spring is already upon them in their area, they would like for everyone to be praying about coming over to visit them. They really desire fellowship from our brethren but also realize that it’s a huge commitment. Tama hasn’t mentioned about anyone reaching out to them by email, letters, or phone calls, but just a reminder that both Tama and Carmen would love to hear from anyone that can.

Thanks again for the “missionary” mindset of everyone in the brotherhood, God bless.

Ward Deaton
Zillah, WA

THE SAVIOUR WILL GO WITH THEE

When the battle is raging
And no stars are in the sky
Call upon the Saviour
And He will then draw nigh

He will then calm the tempest
And the stars, they will shine
For Jesus is the Saviour
And I know He is mine

Then go forward in the battle
When the storms, they assail
For Jesus will go with thee
His love never fails

When the battle is raging
And the foe, He comes at thee
The Lord will go with thee
In His strength is victory

Doris Compton
Carlisle, PA

TRIUMPH OF THE SON

How could I feel defeated, when Jesus already won?
And Sin slunk away with a snarl, from the triumph of the Son

The gates of Hell shall not prevail and evil shall not stand
When Christ holds the keys of death, in His mighty nail-scarred hand

My tender Lord who's love can make a heart of flesh out of stone
Promises my soul will be never once alone

So I look over my shoulder, at what He's delivered me from
Then, look before me- where the Spirit and the Bride say "Come!"

Who am I, oh Lord, that you have brought me to this place?
Now let me run with strength and joy, and seek Your precious face

Maddy Cordrey
Ceres, CA

O LORD, INCREASE MY FAITH

Lord, what a wretched, wretched heart,
 I feel from day to day;
 Vile and unsound in every part;
 Subdue it, Lord, I pray.

I groan, and pray, and cry, and strive,
 To have it all removed;
 Can it be thus in those who live?
 In those whom God has loved?

Can such besetting evils dwell,
 In sinners born of God?
 Could black corruption rise and swell,
 Where Christ applies his blood?

To thee, dear Lord, for light I cry,
 On this my darksome path;
 O let thy mercy me supply;
 O Lord, increase my faith.

H. Fowler

Selected by Lynn H. Miller
 Newmanstown, PA

CONNECTIONS

As members of the Bible Study Board our hope in writing monthly articles related to the Adult Sunday School Lessons is that we all see afresh different points of connection that reveal the Word made flesh.

In the Book of Acts, the church of Jesus Christ was brand new. Jesus had told his disciples before his passion that there will be tribulation. Almost

immediately the persecution of his church begins. The Apostle Paul reiterates this truth in II Tim. 3:12 *“all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer*

persecution."The heartbreaking part of this account in Acts 4 is that this persecution comes directly from the top by the religious leaders. These are the people who claim to be God's representatives, yet now they are threatening his people to stop speaking and teaching in the name of his Son.

This is reminiscent of the time when God instructed King Ahaz (Isaiah 7:10-14) to ask of him a sign and the king refused because he did not want to tempt God. God responded and asked the king *"is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign."* Here, back in Acts, God has given a sign (a miraculous healing) and the leaders refuse to accept it because they don't want to deal with how it proves them to be in the wrong. Yet they have no problem wearying the believers by threatening them to try to keep themselves in the position that they think will keep them in power.

They are no match for God. He continues to give signs of His spirit and power by filling the believers with boldness in the face of the threats of powerful men. These threats end up having the opposite effect of what they hoped would happen. The gospel spread continues and believers are strengthened in their faith.

Believers should receive God's sign of warning in the account of Ananias and Sapphira. The sin of deception has an abrupt end in death. I have not witnessed such a dramatic instance in my lifetime. However, I must be aware that as soon as the deception of sin takes root in my heart, spiritual death is just as immediate as it was for Ananias and Sapphira. We must know and put into practice I John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

On behalf of the Bible Study Board
Bro. Kidron Crist

WEDDINGS

Cole King & Hallie Miller. Cole, son of Simon & Sally King and Hallie, daughter of Ryan & Amber Miller were united in marriage at Piqua, Ohio on March 30, 2025. They reside at Dayton, Ohio.

Weston Bayer & Bella Jamison. Weston, son of Kurt & Annette Bayer and Bella, daughter of Brant & Bonny Jamison were united in marriage at Jackson, Michigan on January 17, 2026. They reside in Troy, Ohio.

Oliver Rikelvin Ramirez & Rachel Elaine Reed. Bro. Oliver and Sis. Rachel, daughter of Bro. Loren and the late Cheryl Pletcher Reed were united in marriage by Bro. Ray Noecker at La Arboleda, La Montana, Malacatan, Guatemala on January 24, 2026, following a brief civil ceremony. They will reside at Aldea Esquipulas, Nica, Malacatan, San Marcos, Guatemala.

BIRTHS

Kyrell & Sidney Rissler of Covington, Ohio welcomed Beau Peter on February 10, 2026.

Jason & Colleen St. John of Bryan, Ohio welcomed McKinzie Kate on March 3, 2026.

NEWS ITEMS

New Minister and New Deacon

At the Lititz, Pennsylvania congregation on February 15, 2026, two men were chosen for roles of leadership. Bro. Michael Alspaugh III was installed as a Minister and Bro. Heath Weaver was installed to the Deacon's office. Please pray for Bro. Michael & Sis. Ashley and for Bro. Heath & Sis. Jennifer in their new responsibilities.

The Alspaugh's address is 180 Valley Drive, Fredericksburg, PA 17026

The Weaver's address is 63 Mountain Spring Rd, Stevens, PA 17578

Lititz, Pennsylvania

Everyone is invited to join the Lititz congregation for our Spring Revivals, March 29 - April 5, with Bro. Jonathan Skiles of the Juniper Hills, New Mexico congregation as the speaker. Service times are 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, 7 pm Sunday evening March 29, and 7:30 p.m. through the week. The meetings will end with the Sunday morning message April 5, with lunch following. We welcome your presence and prayers.

Arlene Birt, Correspondent

Dallas Center, Iowa

The Dallas Center Dunkard Brethren plan to host Spring Revival meetings April 1-5. Bro. Tom Hawbaker from the Grandview, Missouri congregation will be sharing throughout the week. Services will begin on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday services will also begin at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, services will be held at 10:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. Love Feast will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday services will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by lunch. The final service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Please hold Brother Tom up in prayer as he prepares to share the Word. All are welcome to join us.

Julie Meyers, Correspondent

Garnett, Kansas

The Garnett congregation will be holding Revival meetings April 8-12. Bro. Marc Wray of the Berean, Indiana congregation will be our evangelist. Wednesday and Thursday evening services at 7 p.m.

Also, District meeting will begin on Friday April 10 at 7 p.m. with Saturday business meeting at 9 a.m.

Saturday examination at 2 p.m. and communion at 6:30 p.m. Sunday morning service at 10 a.m.

If you plan to attend District meeting April 10-12 in Garnett, please respond here or text to the following:

Karen Edgecomb 785-204-1860 or Jena Hawbaker 717-885-6861 for your headcount on meals and communion service. Raina Edgecomb 717-372-6765 for lodging needs.

Thank you!

Jena Hawbaker, Correspondent

Berean, Indiana

The Berean congregation welcomes Bro. Kidron Crist from the Cornerstone, Ohio congregation, for our Spring Revival services April 15-19. Evening services begin at 7:30 p.m. There will be a morning worship service on Sunday at 8 a.m. with breakfast to follow, a service at 10 a.m. and a potluck lunch to follow. Please be in prayer for Bro. Kidron and Sis. Rachel as they prepare to bring The Word of the Lord to our church family. We welcome any and all to join us for these services.

Donna Wray, Correspondent

West Fulton, Ohio

The Lord willing, the West Fulton congregation will be holding their Spring Lovefeast meetings April 17-19. Bro. Tom Priest from the Chambersburg, Pennsylvania congregation will be our evangelist. Friday evening service at 7:30 p.m. Saturday examination service

at 2 p.m. followed by Love Feast at 7 p.m. Sunday services are at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please pray for Bro. Tom as he prepares for these services.

Joy Reed, Correspondent

Swallow Falls, Maryland

The Swallow Falls congregation would like to invite you to our Spring Revival meetings. They are scheduled for April 26 - May 3 with Brother Paul Noecker of the Pine Grove, Pennsylvania congregation as evangelist. Sunday morning services begin at 10 a.m. and during the week, evening services at 7 p.m. There will be a Love Feast service Saturday evening (time to be decided). The last service is Sunday morning May 3 with a fellowship meal to follow. We hope you can join us!

Abbey Yoder, Correspondent

General Conference 2026

The Lord willing, this year's General Conference of the Dunkard Brethren Church will be held June 6-10, 2026, at Manchester University in North Manchester, Indiana. The buildings are all close and there is an open yard for play. We plan to have activities for children as well as access to two gyms. There are four camper hookups on the campus and a campground within ten minutes.

Information regarding online registration and more details will be published in the May issue of the Bible Monitor.

The Lodging Committee

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR April 2026

Apr. 5 - Acts 4:13-22 - Courage to Speak

1. How could the leaders tell that Peter & John had been with Jesus?

2. Why did the council try to stop the news of the miracle from spreading among the people?

3. How did Peter & John hearken more unto God than unto the council of men?

Apr. 12 - Acts 4:23-30 - Asking for God's Help

1. How did Peter & John react to being under the threat of persecution from the council?

2. What effects did the council's threats have on the group of believers?

3. After recognizing God's absolute sovereignty in their prayer, what did the believers ask God to do about the threats that were issued against them?

Apr. 19 - Acts 4:31-37 - Power of Prayer

1. Have you ever experienced God answering prayer in the ways recorded in verse 31?

2. What does it look like in the church today for believers to be of one heart & one soul, and have all things in common?

3. What is the significance of a Levite selling his land?

Apr. 26 - Acts 5:1-11 - Sin of Deceit

1. At what point(s) in this account could Ananias and Sapphira have confessed and repented of their sin?

2. Is any lie a sin against God?

3. Does the sin of deception still cause instantaneous death today as it did back in the time of this account? What about grace?

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