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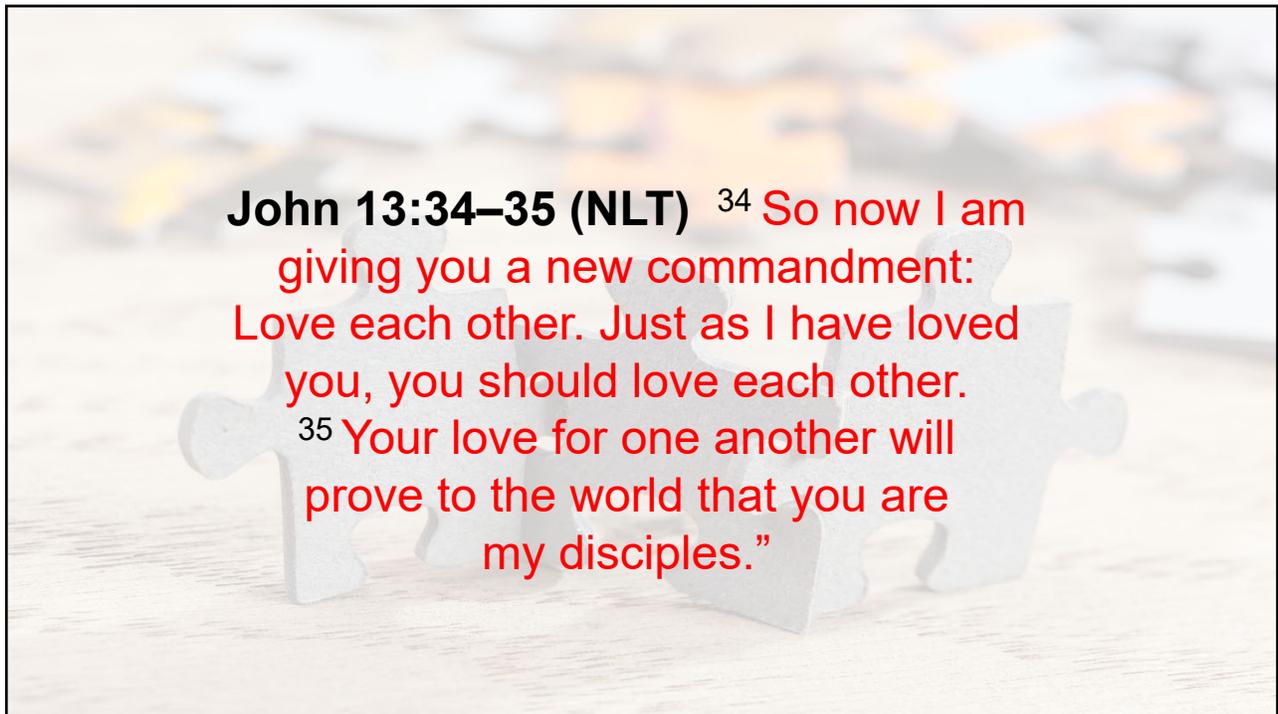
THE EARLY CHURCH ADVANCED AND WAS FRUITFUL
IN A CULTURAL CONTEXT THAT WAS MUCH MORE
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WHY? THEY LIVED IN THE CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY-
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CERTAIN NON-NEGOTIABLES.

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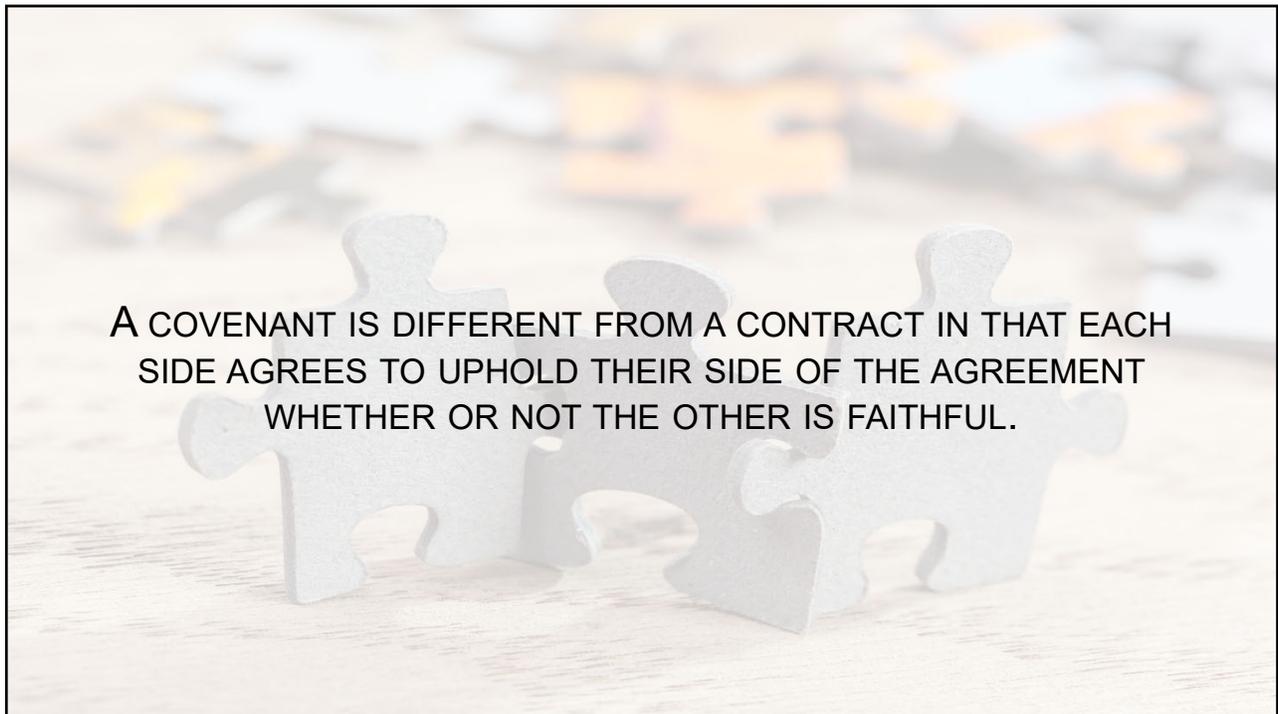


John 13:34–35 (NLT) ³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.
³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

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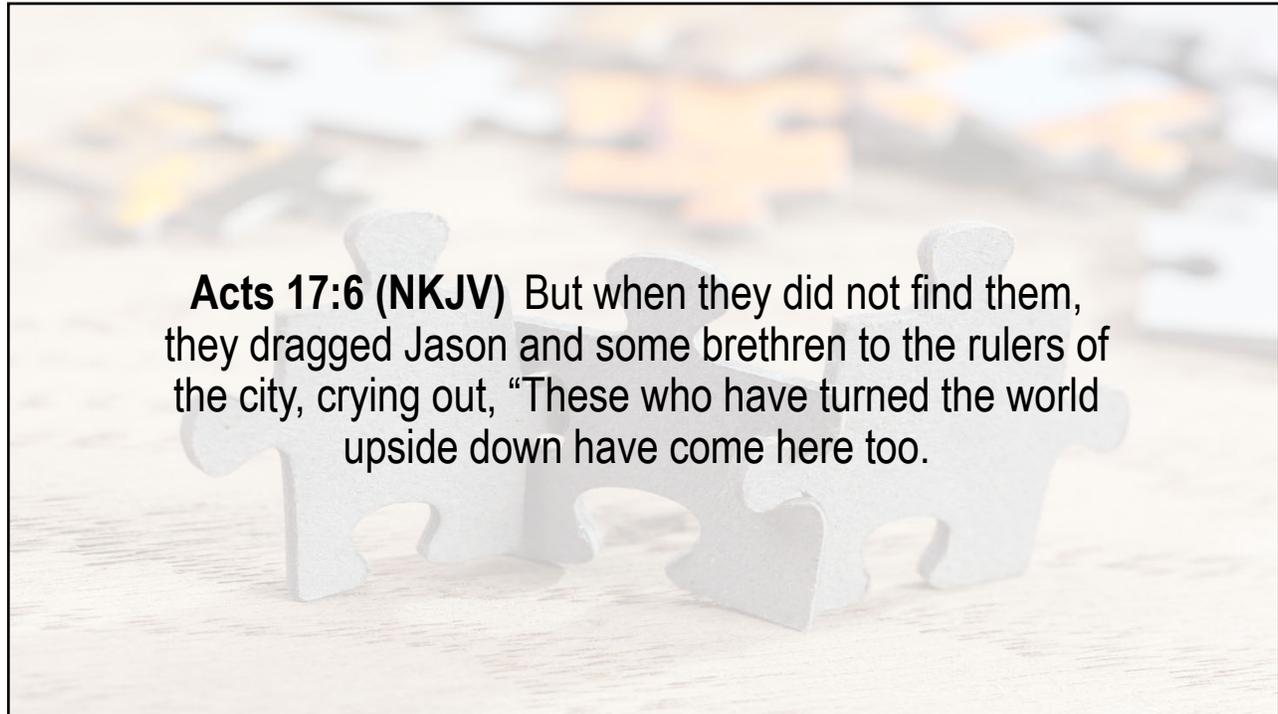
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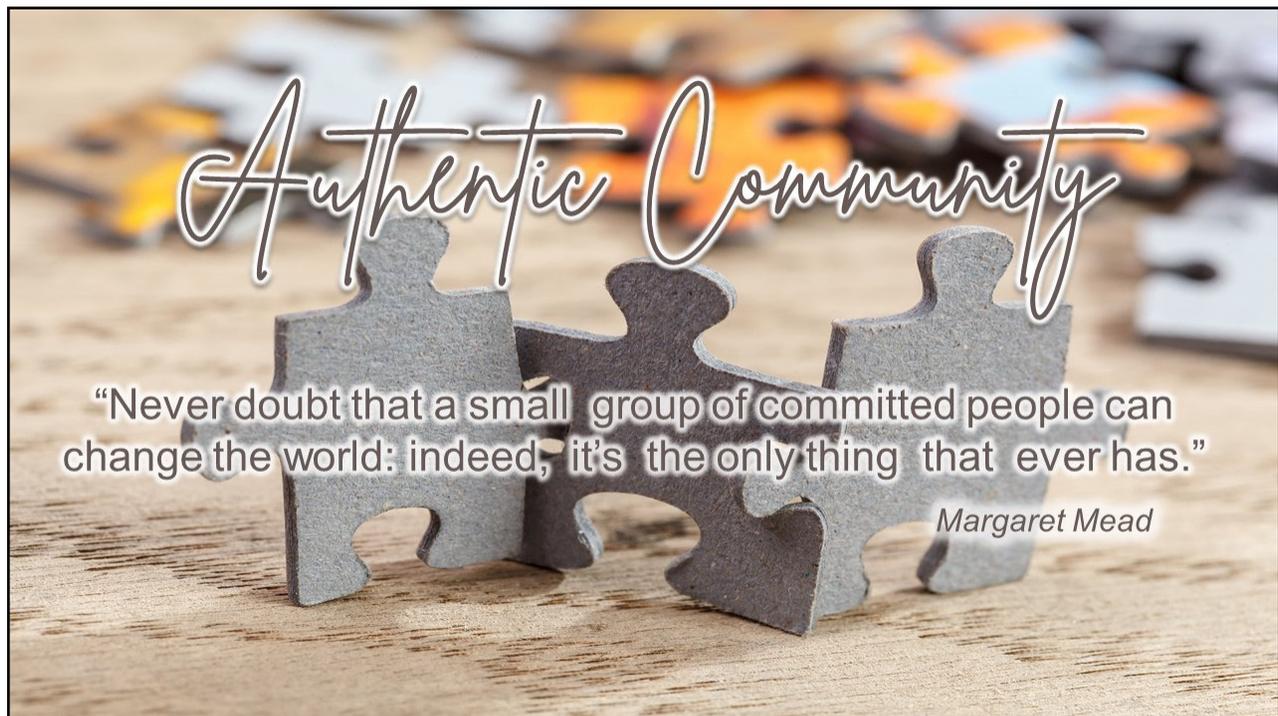
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Acts 17:6 (NKJV) But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

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“Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world: indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

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