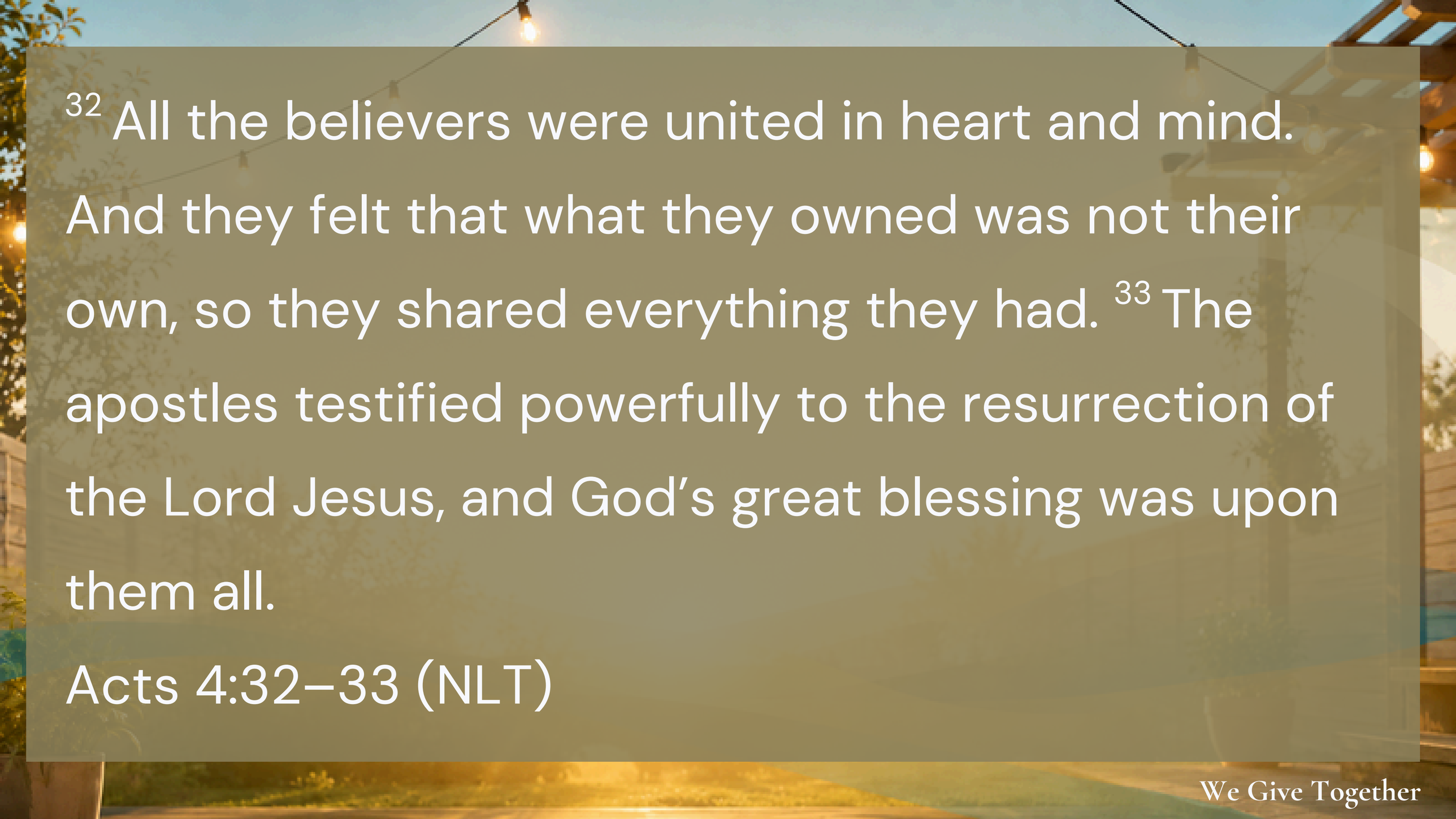

Togetherness


We Worship Together
We Serve Together
We Reach Together
We Give Together
We Pray Together


We Give
Together

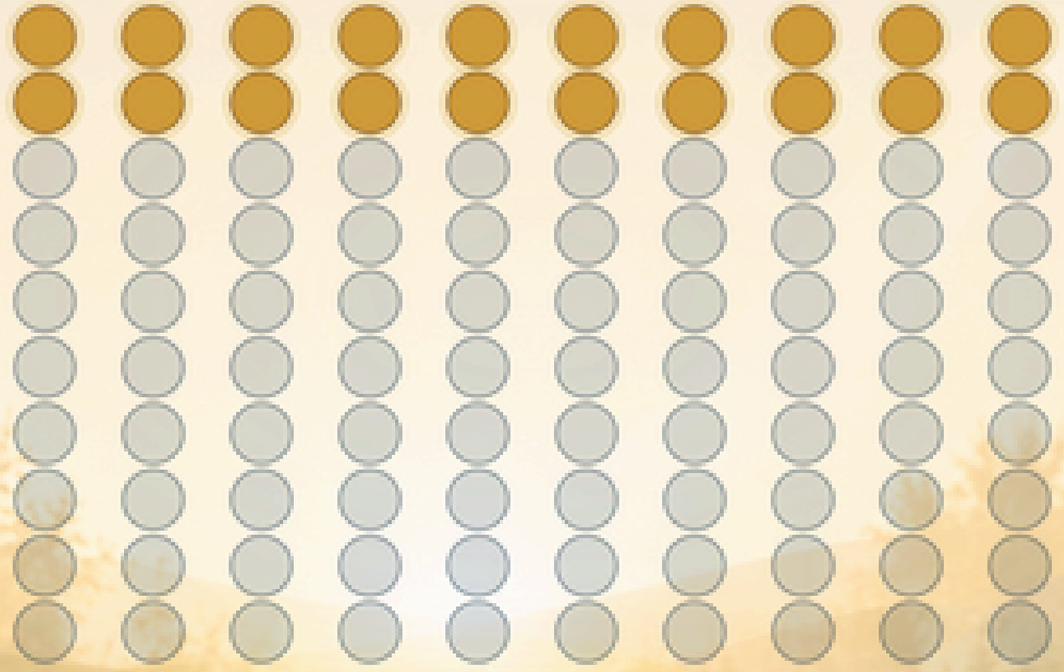


[32] All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. [33] The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God’s great blessing was upon them all.

Acts 4:32–33 (NLT)

WE GIVE TOGETHER

Right now, about 1 in 5 of us carry most of our giving.



1 in 5 households
give nearly 80% of the total

the rest of us
give about 20% — together

~105
households gave this past year

Top 10%
give nearly half of everything

~4%
comes from the lower half of givers, combined

Giving In The Begining

17 After Abram returned from his victory over Kedorlaomer and all his allies,
the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the valley of Shaveh (that is, the
King's Valley). 18 And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God
Most High, brought Abram some bread and wine. 19 Melchizedek blessed
Abram with this blessing: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of
heaven and earth. 20 And blessed be God Most High, who has defeated
your enemies for you." Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the
goods he had recovered.
Genesis 14:17–20 (NLT)

We Give Together

Giving Declared Holy

Leviticus 27:30 (NLT)

30 “One tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy.

Giving as The First Fruits

9 Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the best part of everything you produce.
10 Then he will fill your barns with grain,
and your vats will overflow with good wine.

Proverbs 3:9–10 (NLT)

Giving as a Test For God

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in
my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the
windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't
have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! 11 Your crops
will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your
grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the Lord of
Heaven's Armies.

Malachi 3:10–11 (NLT)

Giving from Jesus's Perspective: Tithe Confirmed

[23] "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things. [24] Blind guides! You strain your water so you won't accidentally swallow a gnat, but you swallow a camel!

Matthew 23:23–24 (NLT)

Giving from Jesus's Perspective: Overflow Confirmed

38 Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

Luke 6:38 (NLT)

Giving from Jesus's Perspective: Heart Quality Confirmed

41 Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as
the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large
amounts. 42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.
43 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor
widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. 44
For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given
everything she had to live on."
Mark 12:41–44 (NLT)

Giving for Multiplication

6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small
crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 7
You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give
reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who
gives cheerfully." 8 And God will generously provide all you need. Then
you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share
with others.

2 Corinthians 9:6–8 (NLT)

Giving for Multiplication

9 As the Scriptures say, “They share freely and give generously to
the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.”

10 For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then
bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your
resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

2 Corinthians 9:9–12 (NLT)

Giving for Jesus's Glory!

[11] Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. [12] So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.
[13] As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.
2 Corinthians 9:11–13 (NLT)