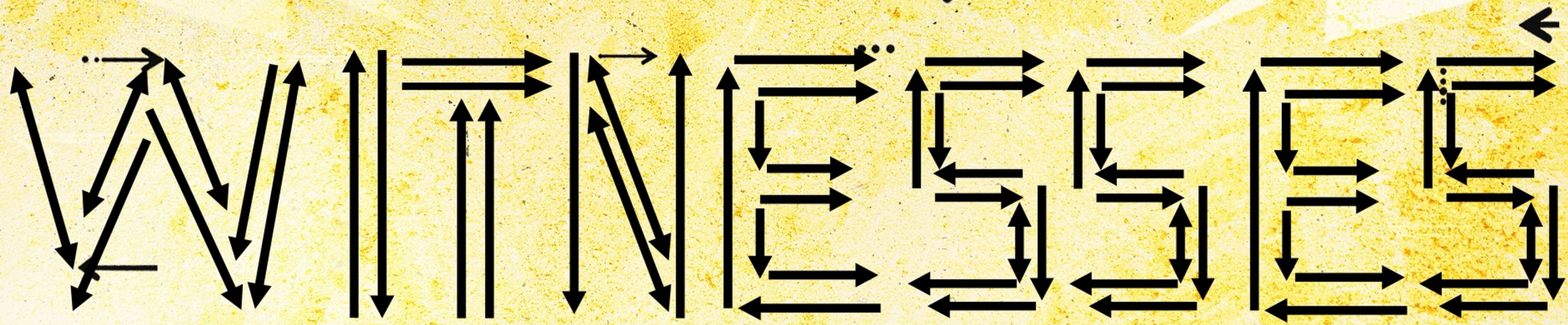




The Witnessing Community

Acts 2:42-47 (pg. 968)

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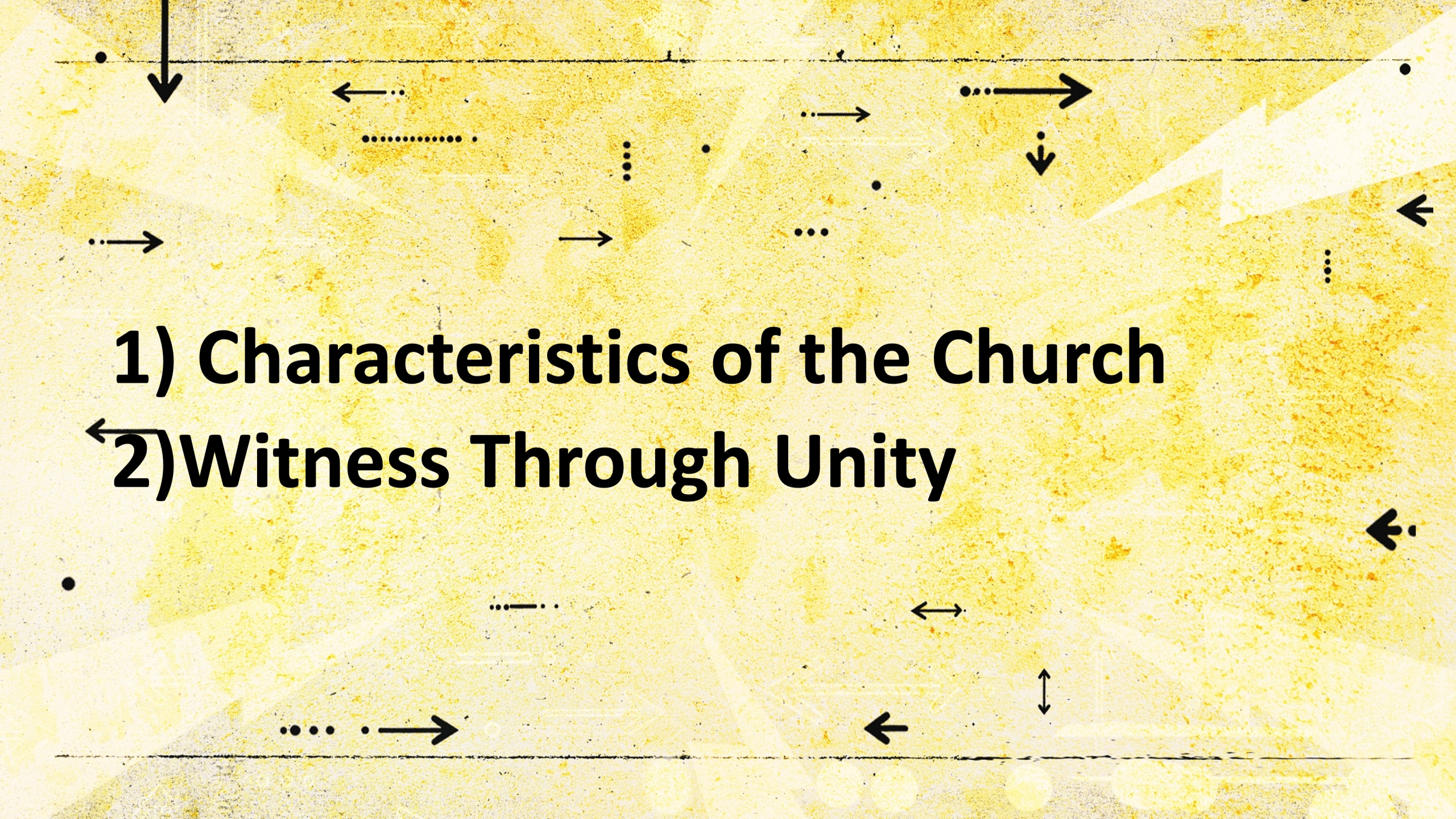
Acts 2:42

With great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was on all of them.

Acts 4:33

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Acts 2:42

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1) Characteristics of the Church

← 2) Witness Through Unity

⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles.

⁴⁴ Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. ⁴⁵ They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Acts 2:43-45

³² Now the entire group of those who believed were of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but instead they held ~~everything in common~~. ³³ With great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was on all of them.

³⁴ For there was not a needy person among them because all those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds of what was sold, ³⁵ and laid them at the apostles' feet. This was then distributed to each person as any had need.

Acts 4:32-35

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Acts 2:43-45

34 “I give you a new command: ~~Love one another.~~
Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one
another. 35 ~~By this~~ everyone will know that you
are my disciples, ~~if you love one another.~~”

John 13:34-35

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.

John 14:26

²⁰ "I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in me through their word. ²¹ ~~May they all be one~~, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent me. ²² I have given them the glory you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one. ²³ I am in them and you are in me, so that they may be made completely one, ~~that the world may know you have sent me~~ and have loved them as you have loved me.

John 17:20-23

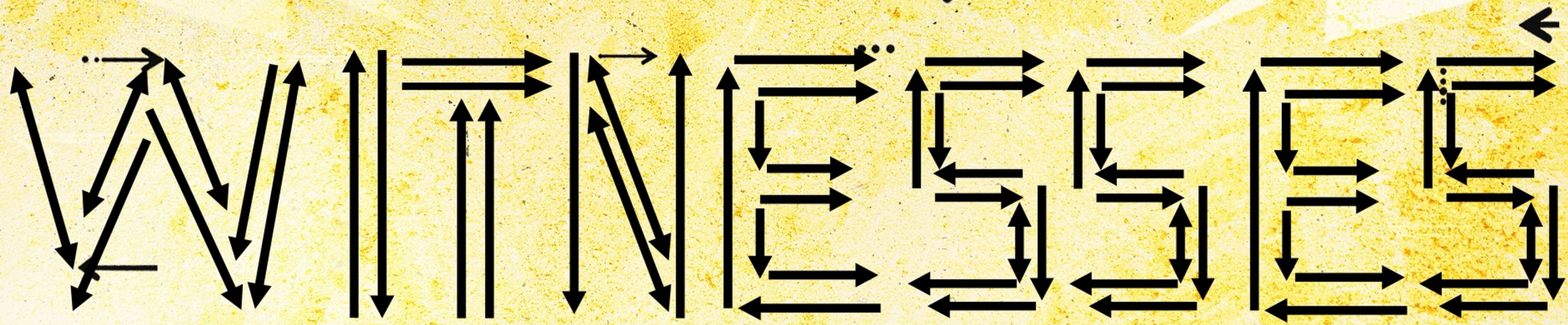
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- 1) Characteristics of the Church**
 - ← 2) Witness Through Unity**
 - 3) The Great Commandment**

⁴⁶ Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47

“A vibrant community extends itself in two directions: toward God and toward neighbor. A veiled reference to obedience to the great commandment appears here.”

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