



The God Who Acts: The Church as God Intends It

Acts 2:42-47

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God is on the [MOVE](#). His chosen vessel? The [CHURCH](#).

“I made the church the way I [WANT](#) it. Now I want the church the way I [MADE](#) it.”

We have become an [IChurch](#) generation when God made us to be [WEChurch](#).

You get used to being [DISTANT](#): spatially and [RELATIONALLY](#).

The Church exists wherever the [GOSPEL](#) is preached in its truth and the holy sacraments are administered according to that Gospel. –*Augsburg Confession*, Article 7 (1530)

“Aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own business, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may [WALK PROPERLY](#) before outsiders and be dependent on no one.”
–1 Thessalonians 4:11

The Holy Spirit [CONNECTED](#) the community of believers to what made for the most [FERTILE](#) soil for growth.

Patriot: “a person who vigorously supports their country and is prepared to defend it against enemies or detractors.” You *hear* the [DEFINITION](#); you *see* the [FACES](#).

God wants us [ROOTED](#) differently in the Gospel and in a [GROVE](#) with others.

For next week, read Acts 3.