



## Front Up Together

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### I. Working Together, Again

**Acts 1:12–14** (NIV) **12** Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.

**13** When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. **14 They all joined together constantly in prayer**, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

 Unified in prayer and ministry.

**Genesis 11:6** (NIV) **6** The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them."

**John 17:23** (NIV) *Jesus prayer for us the Church* **23** I in them and you in me—so that **they may be brought to complete unity**. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

 This is our prayer in this season.

### II. Facing our Fears

**Luke 14:25–27** (NIV) *The Cost of Discipleship...* **25** Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: **26** "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. **27** And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

- ◆ Lessons from experience

 **Self Scrutiny**

 **Sacrifice**

**Exodus 15:22–27** (NIV) *Lessons from the Desert with Moses...* **22** Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. **23** When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it

was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) **24** So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"

**25** Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.

There the Lord issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. **26** He said, "If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."

**27** Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water."

 Marah means bitter, it was a test.

### III. Consider your Participation

**Mark 12:41–44** *Jesus watches the temple visitors...*(NIV) **41** Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. **42** But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

**43** Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. **44** They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

 Jesus knows how much we have remaining.

This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

- Sat. Mar. 11, Deut. 30–31  Sun. Mar. 12, Deut. 32–34  Mon. Mar. 13, Josh. 1–3
- Tue. Mar. 14, Josh. 4–6  Wed. Mar. 15, Josh. 7–8  Thur. Mar. 16, Josh. 9–10
- Fri. Mar. 17, Josh. 11–14  Sat. Mar. 18, Josh. 15–17  Sun. Mar. 19, Josh. 18–20