21 DAYS OF PRAYER DAY #7 05 22 16

GREETINGS IN THE LORD

What a great time to be alive! I think of the words of Mordecai in the book of Esther.

" For such a time as this." I believe God has put us on the earth at this time in history in order to accomplish His will in this generation.

Today let's concentrate our prayers on God's design for His church. There is a model of church and ministry given to us in the book of Acts.

Please read Acts 2:41-47 and pray through it very carefully. While reading this section of scripture note the <u>major pattern</u> which begins in verse 41. There was a great ingathering of souls, then a great community of saints who shared their lives with one another.

History reveals that these believers first came to the Lord and had their main meetings in the Temple; see verse 46. The Temple was their church where they gathered for corporate worship and instruction. This fits in with Hebrews 10:25.

As they grew in the Lord they also spent time in their homes sharing food, discussing the teaching of the Apostles and fellowship. The early church was corporate but they were corporate plus connected in small groups which met in homes. There was intimacy and comradery. They shared a common bond in Jesus Christ as Savior. They shared a common destiny and hope. They rejoiced in this new life and shared it freely. Thus, the conversion of thousands in the fisrt two centuries of the early church.

May we begin to follow their pattern.