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Generous Together

Happy 120th Birthday Albright Church!

Generosity begets generosity.

📖 Acts 4:32-37

❖ **When we are generous together we display our unity in Christ.**

“All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.” v32

God calls us into relationship with Him and with one another.

They learnt to be generous together. They were one in heart and mind to make a difference. They chose togetherness over individualism.

Becoming a church member is an expression of our unity in Christ and our covenant to be generous together.

❖ **When we are generous together we demonstrate the resurrection power of Christ.**

“With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all.” v33

God’s plan is to work through us in resurrection power by the Holy Spirit to do humanly impossible things.

Every time we are generous together we unleash God’s resurrection power across the world!

God’s resurrection power sweeps out all that is of self and opens the door for the flow of the Holy Spirit.

Are you being changed by the Holy Spirit to become generous together people?

❖ **When we are generous together we can meet more needs in more places at more times.**

“There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.” v34-35

What we sow we reap. What we sow together we reap together.

These believers did not hoard or hide. Instead they saw their assets as ways to be generous together.

Thank you for your generosity over the years to God’s work through Albright Church!

❖ **When we are generous together we are built up and we reach out.**

“...Barnabas (which means ‘son of encouragement’), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.” v36-37

Barnabas’ generosity had the same impact as the Holy Spirit. By being generous together he was coming alongside others to encourage and build up!

Our vision as a church is to build up and to reach out.

- The first Christians spoke the word of God with confidence.
- They testified to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.
- They saw people come to faith, be baptized and added to the church.

120 years after the formation of this church, this is still our mission.

If someone was to give you a nickname would it reflect the generosity of God in your life?

- Who are you building up?
- Who are you reaching out to?
- What relationships are you forming to become generous together?

Give a thank you gift towards our building expansion fund.

- Listen to what God would have you to give.
- Ask Him to multiply it.
- Know that this is part of living on mission together.

We surrender, God builds. This is our time. This is our choice. This is our privilege. This is our God. Praise Him!