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Awe and Wonder

[Acts 4:32-35](#)

³² 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. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

I'm not sure how anyone else goes about writing a devotion. I read and study the scripture, then read it again to see how it speaks to me. Really the first thought I had was what I titled this devotion: "*awe and wonder.*"

Wouldn't it be wonderful to come together as the body of believers who were all of one heart and mind? It is possible. It is not a trick. It is not a miracle. It is each of us doing what we are called to do.

The apostles and other believers were going through a really rough patch. They did not get a lot of time with Jesus, and didn't expect to have to remember all the parables, stories and particulars, which had not been written down. So they came together.

This scripture says they were of one heart and mind, and there were no needy among them. How did that happen? Do you wonder? These folks were relying on "with great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

There were no needy among them because they all were encouraging each other. What a gift! It could have been the selling of land, but it could also have been helping hand cooking the meal or caring for the child.

Each person has a talent – then and now. How can you encourage?

We are all apostles. We are required to tell what we know. Your story of how you met Jesus may be the one that reaches into the heart of the darkest sinner. No one can hear it if you don't speak it.

When you speak – speak love – Jesus's love. Before you were born, you were loved. Jesus loved us enough to die for us. That is why the believers were of one heart and mind.

Can you tell me that doesn't smack of "awe and wonder"?

Prayer: *Heavenly Father please make me an instrument of encouragement to go tell the story of peace, love, hope, and joy found in loving and serving You. Amen*

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