



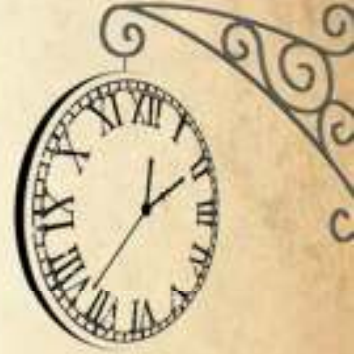
It's About Time!





# ***"Is it Any Fun?"***

**You do understand this relationship with Jesus thing is supposed to bring joy?**



**He did not come to add burdens but remove them**

**This journey with Jesus is supposed to not only be life changing but life fulfilling (*John 10:10*)**

**Gertrude was not trying to play music, she was trying to play notes on a page.**

**“What else is there to play?”**





# ***The Community of Believers***

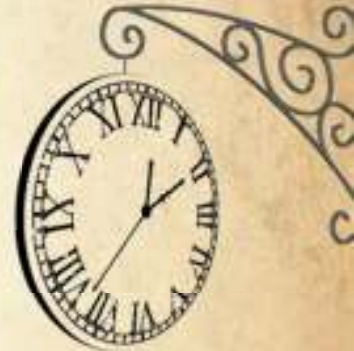
**They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.**

**Act 2:42-47**



# ***The Community of Believers***

**We don't need more  
Notes on a page!**



**“It's in your heart, your head and your fingers you just don't trust yourself to play it.”**



# ***You Already Know It!***



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# ***The Community of Believers***

## **Everything flowed together**

**That's because it's not compartmentalized**

**You can't draw a bright line between what was worship and what was fellowship, what was prayer time and what was study time**

**It's not a how they "did church"**

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**The verses are full of action,  
not principals and theory**



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# ***A Stunning Result***

**And the Lord added to their number  
daily those who were being saved**


**It does not say the number that joined the church**

**It does not say the number that attended some event**

**It does not say the number that wound up in the  
offering plate**



**The only count they cared about was the  
number that that gave their life to a  
relationship with Jesus**

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# ***It's About Action***

**We already looked at the action: devoted**

**If there is not commitment, then the rest of this is useless**

**If there is no time for the relationship, then there is no relationship**

***Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.***

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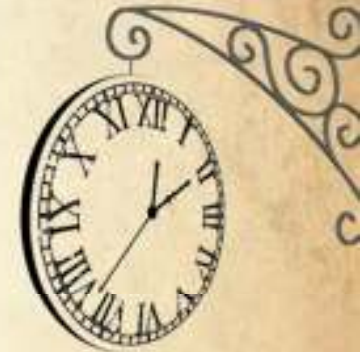
***Revelation 3:20***





***It's About Action***

**Learning  
Fellowship  
Worship  
Prayer**



***Where do we start?***





# *Prayer*

One day **Jesus** was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Luke 11:1



# *Jesus' Fault!*



# ***How Important is Prayer?***

**It's the only thing the Disciples asked Jesus to teach them**

**There is irony because they knew how to pray (Acts 3:1)**

**These were Jewish people they had watched prayer and prayed their entire life**

# ***Different***

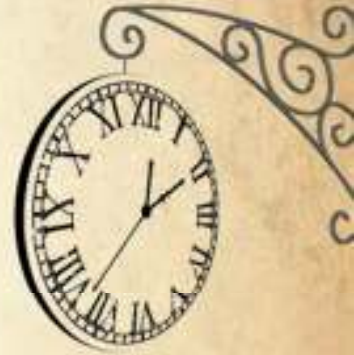






# ***Prayerful Reality***

**“Prayer should never be an event but a constant action.”**



**The early church did not make time to pray**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:17 – “Pray continually”**

**They Prayed Faithfully (Romans 12:12)**

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.**






# ***Prayerful Reality***

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**It was spontaneous (Acts 12:12)**

**When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.**



**When crisis came prayer first  
(Acts 4:23-24)**





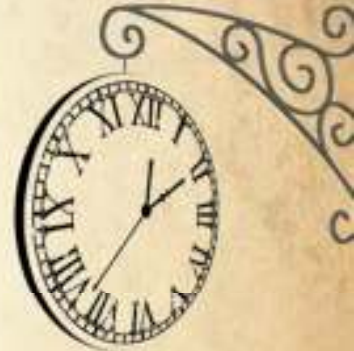
# ***Prayerful Reality***

**It was not just notes on a page**

**It was never just a side dish to what else they were doing**

**It was not a spectator sport that you watched but an action you took**

**Instead of pray for me, their terminology would have been pray with me**  
**Matthew 18:19-20**

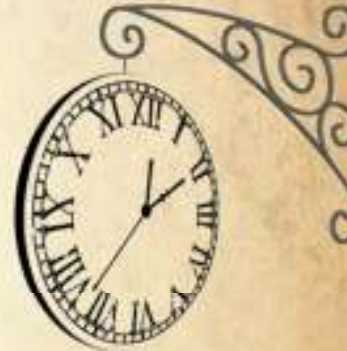






# ***The Praying Church***

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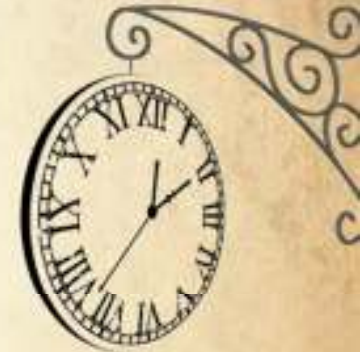
**Acts 1:14**





# ***The Praying Church***

**When Jesus left them to build the church  
prayer was priority**



**There are 28 chapters in Acts and prayer, or praying  
is mentioned 34 times**

**Prayer was more important than “ministry” and  
equal in importance with “sharing the gospel”**

**“And we will give our attention to  
prayer and the ministry of the word.”**

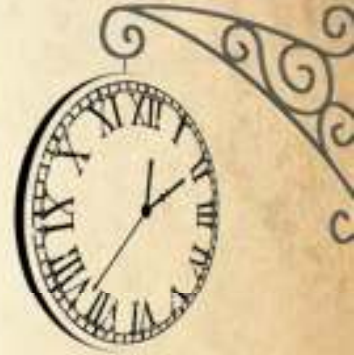
**Acts 6:4**





# ***The Praying Church***

**The verse in Acts 1 is prior to the arrival of the Holy Spirit**



**This verse is before the first sermon and the 3000 saved**

# ***Prayer Came First!***





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# ***A Prayerful Design***

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**Acts 1:14**

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# ***Chorus of Prayer***

**It does mean ALL!**

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# ***The Praying Church***

**Nothing** was done  
without prayer



# ***Prayer Addicts***





**It's time for Action**  
***Let Us Pray***

