

Bay Life Church Message Notes

Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014

Lead Pastor Mark Saunders

The Generous Witness

Acts 4:32-37

- Generosity starts with unity

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

- Generosity is inspired by mission

³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

- Generosity happens best with trustworthy leaders

³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

- Generosity is the norm for all witnesses, but especially for those who lead

³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.