

Beyond Devotional - Week 4

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As a church plant, we were beyond excited to move from holding services out of Rodeo Palms Junior High School into our very own leased space. Not only would we have the opportunity to establish a footprint in the community, we would no longer have the hassle of setting up and tearing down out of a trailer for weekly services. Our new home was a bit of a fixer upper, so we hired a contractor to ready the space for work and worship. Our excitement would quickly turn to frustration and angst. The contractor we hired took our forty-thousand-dollar deposit to begin the work and did nothing. On top of the work not being done to facilitate our move, we now had the expense of paying the school each week and the space we could not use. We hired a new contractor to help us move as quickly as possible, but having lost the funds from the first contractor and paid rent on two locations for an extended amount of time left us with a building we could not furnish.

*42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. **Acts 2:42-47***

This passage was routinely put before our congregation as the goal of our fellowship. That type of supernatural love is something only God can do in people. God would use our dilemma to allow us to see this first century come to life in 2019. The Brazos Pointe Fellowship family chose to make a sacrificial offering to a church in need through their Beyond Offering. That expression of love not only faithfully applied this biblical picture of the church in modern times, but had the practical effect of furnishing our building and allowing us to worship and witness in a new way in Pearland, Texas. Brazos Pointe's decision to give back in 2019 has allowed our church to baptize countless people, support our community through disaster relief, and ultimately lead the people of our community into worship!

Thank you for your again for your generosity and support. When churches support one another, it is one of the most powerful pictures and reminders that we are here for God's glory, not our own.

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