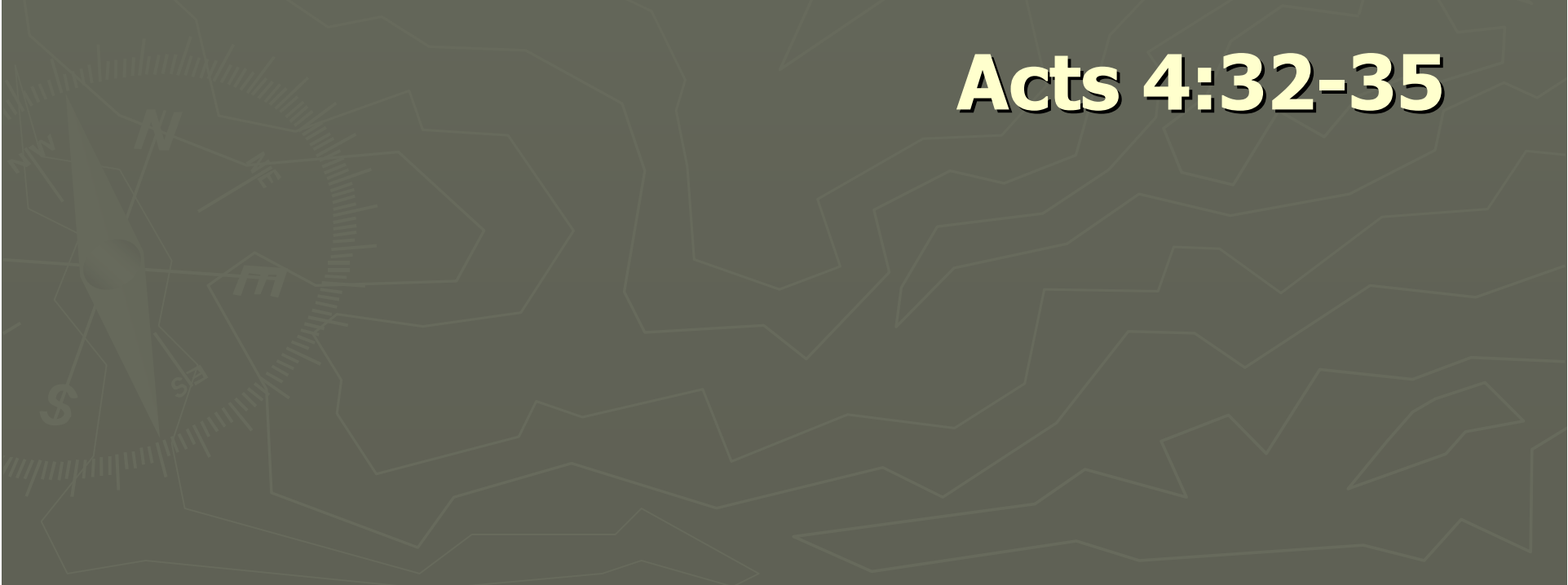


THE POINT OF REFERENCE

Acts 4:32-35



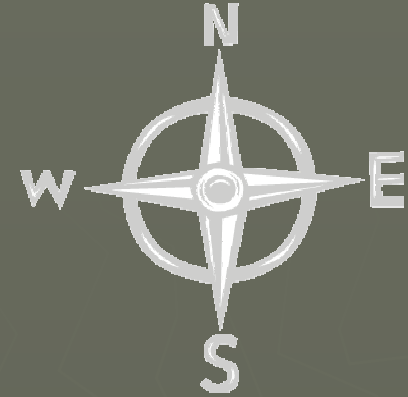
TWO THINGS I WANT US TO WALK AWAY WITH:

Unity - Through a Central Focus

Unity - Through a Common
Purpose

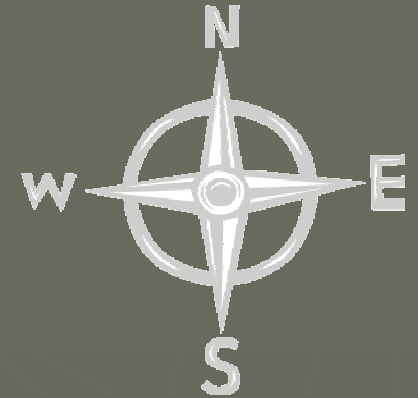
THE STARTING POINT OF REFERENCE

Acts 4:31 - They prayed



- They prayed together
“place they had gathered”
- They were filled with the Holy Spirit

Theological principle:



At spiritual birth the believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit eternally.

. . . A believer can chose to be “filled” with the Holy Spirit or

. . . A believer can chose not to be “filled” with the Holy Spirit and reflect human nature/carnality.

UNITY - A CENTRAL FOCUS ACTS 4:32

Not by any means . . . Compatibility

. . . Nationality

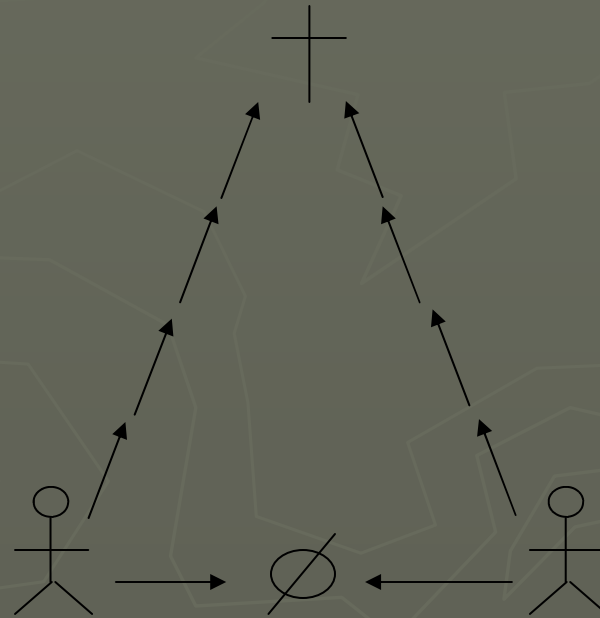
. . . Common interest

But . . . One heart and soul
through belief in
Jesus Christ

1 Cor. 1:4-9 Central – Jesus Christ 9x

1 Cor. 1:10

Absolutely NO Divisions (Carnality)



Eph. 2:13-16

UNITY - A COMMON PURPOSE

ACTS 4:33-35

To become the "Point of Reference" of the resurrection

"with great power"

"giving witness"

. . . lived out the purpose of Christ

A. "To seek and save that which was lost" Matt. 18:11

B. "Not to be served but to serve and give His life a ransom for many"

The result?

A people of "grace"

"Not a needy person among them"