



- I. The great unity of the NT church reveals the failure of the enemy to destroy it via **external** pressure – 4:32.
- II. From external pressures to **internal** unity: how the HS strengthens the church – 4:32-37.
 - A. When the times are hard, believers pull **closer** together – the church is single-minded – v. 32.
 - B. The power of mutual sharing /Earthly possessions are held in **common** – v. 32.
 - C. **Power** is present in preaching – v. 33.
 - D. Preaching is focused on **biblical** priorities – v. 33.
 - E. Great **grace** abounds on all – v. 33.
 - F. Believers take care of one another's **needs** – v. 34.
 - G. God's people are moved to **selfless** acts – vv. 34-37.
 - i. Showcasing a special servant – vv. 36-37.
 - a. His name - Joseph (Barnabas) – prominent figure in Acts
 - b. His background
 - c. His example – sacrificial giving.
- III. The intense unity of the early believers forms a backdrop for introducing that which can **undo** the church, namely **internal** sin – 5:1-11.